**Minutes of Board Meeting,**

**Leesville Lake Association November 11, 2021, Altavista Library**

**Present:** Richard Beaton, J. W. Burton, Tony Capuco, Phyllis Garlick, Joe Humphrey, Mary Loiselle, Frank Podrebarac, Dave Rives, Dannie Smith, Dave Waterman

**Absent:** Pam McMillian, Chip Zimmerman

**Quorum:** Yes

**Call to order:** President, Dave Rives called the Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and thanked all the veterans for their service.

**Minutes:** D. Rives asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2021 General Members meeting.

***Motion: J. W. made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2021 General Members meeting as presented. Joe seconded. All approved.***

**Treasurer’s Report:** October monthly reports were completed and sent on November 4th. There were no issues of concern to report. WQ samples are being sent to a company in Florida but payments are made to the headquarters in Canada. First National Bank online bill payment system doesn’t have the ability to send payments to out-of-US companies so the payment was mailed to Canada. No idea how long it will take to get there. I’ll look into other options such as direct transfer. TLAC has been very prompt in reimbursing for Pigg River WQ costs. A generous donation was received again this year from Travis Marshall ($2000 payment, including dues.) Last year a thank you note, a calendar and two t-shirts was sent. Mary will mail a thank you note, a calendar, and 2 t-shirts. Mary reported that 32 members from last year have not paid dues for the current FY. A list of the members was circulated for Board input. Calendars have been received and that invoice has been paid. 18 have been mailed to people who purchased online and an additional 14 were sold before the meeting. In reference to the tax return, all relevant documents were dropped off at H&R Block in Lynchburg on Friday, October 8th. By October 30th the tax return was not complete so November 1, all documents were picked up. Documents are now at Kania and Assoc., CPA, in Danville and were dropped off Wednesday, November 3rd. Their fee for the tax return is $495. I asked about an inspection of the books and that cost is estimated at $2,500 to $3,000. Discussion is needed about whether we want to spend that much. The Board decided not to pay that amount. Frank will send Mary information on someone who does their taxes. If the cost is too high, the Finance Committee will inspect the books. D. Rives asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report.

***Motion: Frank made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Tony seconded. All approved.***

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive:** Dave R. stated that Brian Bell is interested in becoming a Director and possibly the Treasurer. Dave will invite him to the next meeting to meet the Board.

**Finance:** No updated report.

**Nominating:** No updated report.

**Beautification Day:** Dannie reported that he will have the Updated Planning Guide checked by the December meeting. It was decided that Beautification Day will always be the second Saturday in June. For 2022 the date is June 11th.

**Communications:** Dave W. reported that the membership survey results are in. There were only 17 members that responded. Chip put together the results which will be covered under Membership.

E-Newsletter: Dave W. suggested reaching out to the DWR or fishing experts for input/articles for the newsletter. Diane suggested reaching out to the HOA’s to submit articles. Diane is willing to reach out to the HOA reps. Dave R. will send Dave W. his list of HOA contacts. Dave W. stated that Diane brought two links to the Runaway Bay HOA website to his attention to possibly publicize them via Newsletter and website links. The Board decided not to publicize them but to expand the HOA website and have them added there. There were no updates for calendars and FB. He questioned the next steps for the survey and he also renamed the login script to make breaking in tougher.

**Debris:** In Pam’s absence, Phyllis reported on debris per Pam’s email. It stated that other than TLAC confirming 7 debris reports submitted, there are no new updates to announce. **Myers Creek Offload Site:** It was reported that the offload site will be ready by the end of the year. AEP is waiting for a DEQ permit. **Skimmer Rental Proposal:** Dave R. reported that a member of the Debris Committee is interested in personally renting a skimmer and provide data showing the need for a skimmer on LVL to AEP. Due to understanding the whole picture, Dave R. will address this issue at the next Debris Committee meeting.

**Membership:**  Dave R. asked about the reference in the September minutes to businesses being members. All approved that businesses can be members. It was decided not to advertise or promote events but to refer to the member survey for comments. Dave R. asked that the survey results be sent to all Directors for review. Due to the small number of responses to the member survey, it was suggested that the survey be reposted on the website.

***Motion: The Board moved that the Communication Committee******leave the opinion survey up and available on the LLA website through January 2022 making sure the survey is functional, thank those who have responded and welcome additional comments from all members,*** ***announce it to the membership via; the website, email blast and Facebook, and send email reminders out every two weeks.  The emails should include other news, the first being info on regarding the calendars (these are great gifts, they include members photos and great lake shots, LLA events are listed, etc.). Tony seconded. All approved.***

Dave R. suggested that the Executive Committee get with Chip and decide what to do with the results.

**Navigation: Hazard Buoys-**The two Hazard Buoys that had moved, the shoal at mile 11 and the stump field at mile 15, have been returned to their designated locations. Each of those buoys now has an additional 100 pound anchor. I recently checked on the shoal buoy at mile 11 and it is still in place. I was unable to check the buoy at the stump field at mile 15 due to time constraints. The Campbell County Board of Supervisors has allowed TLAC to administer applications for buoys on their behalf. Paula informed me the TLAC board meeting on November 9th did not have enough voting members present to have a quorum and therefore, could not vote to approve our next (final) three hazard buoys at this time. She indicated she would make some phone calls to the Executive Committee to approve the application for the buoys. The final three hazard buoy locations are as follows: Shoals at 12 Mile Island (mile 11.8), Rocks at the Runaway Bay point (mile 1.2), Rocks at the Heron Landing point on the north end (mile 1.6). **APCo Aids to Navigation Plan -** Liz Parcell emailed me on 10/14 to say she and Nick Schrecongost wanted to do a site visit to confirm her understanding of the current system and collect additional data.  It was tentatively scheduled for 10/21 and asked if I wished to participate in a separate boat. I let her know that was a great idea and I would certainly like to join them but was not available on the 21st. She said she’d talk to Nick about the following week and asked for my availability. I told her the following week I was very flexible. I have yet to hear back from her.

Phyllis mentioned that MM7 is missing. Dannie will take a picture of MM8 and send to Joe. Joe will check on having another MM made and we can get it installed.

**Property: Potential Pontoon Boat Modifications:** Richard has not completed a plan, but will get with all the committee chairs about recommendations for the modifications to the pontoon for the December meeting. **Mile Marker Maintenance:** Dave stated that APCo informed him they would not be responsible for the Mile Markers. Richard will send out the list of land owners where the Mile Markers are.

**Water Safety and Education:**  It is unsure if Gerry will be conducting Vessel Safety Inspections. Joe will check with him.

**2022 Boater Safety Classes:** LLA will not sponsor classes this year. Phyllis contacted DWR and got the info of the area contact person. She will send that info to Frank and he will check to see what is required for LLA to sponsor the classes. Dave W. will update the website concerning the classes.

**Water Quality:** Tony reported that Charlie Hamilton will take over as Chair of the Water Quality Committee and he discuss with Charlie about becoming a director. Tony will remain on the WQ Committee but turnover all Chair duties to Charlie. He will invite Charlie to the next meeting to meet the Board. Tony also reported:

* Tom Shahady will be completing water sampling on LVL this month and we have completed 2 of the three days of sampling on the Pigg River.  The last sampling of the Pigg may be in early December as we are waiting for a significant rain event.
* On Tuesday Nov 9, Shahady and Capuco presented a report to TLAC for LVL water monitoring in 2020.  The presentation was postponed due to the pandemic and scheduling issues.  A few cursory comments were made about 2021 efforts.  We highlighted the low dissolved oxygen content in the SML tailwaters and the need to address the issue.
* The committee is drafting a letter to APCo insisting that they address the low oxygen issue in the SML tailwaters.  They are in violation of their license.  The issue has been raised repeatedly and there has been little action.

**TLAC Update:** Dave R. was unable to attend the TLAC meeting. He reported that there were not enough Leesville Lake members present to vote on Leesville Lake issues.

**AEP Technical Review Committee:** No updates from the TRC reps.

**Old Business:** **Speakers for 2022: January-** Dave R. will check with Lou Revelle to speak about the history of the Leesville Lake area. **April** – Buffer Gardens; **July –** Reps from AEP; **October -** ?

**New Business:** The Altavista Chamber sent notification of the Christmas Parade, but no one on the Board is available.

**Executive Session:** There was no Executive Session.

**Confirmation of the December 2021 Meeting:** The December 9, 2021 Board Meeting will be at the Staunton River Library in Altavista at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjourn: *Motion: J. W. made a motion to adjourn the LLA Board Meeting for November 11, 2021. Mary seconded. All approved.***