

**Minutes of General Members Meeting,
Leesville Lake Association, January 29, 2022 Altavista Train Station**

Call to order: 10:35 a.m. by President, Dave Rives

Present: J. W. Burton, Joe Humphrey, Phyllis Garlick, Mary Loiselle, Frank Podrebarac, Dave Rives, Dannie Smith, Dave Waterman, Chip Zimmerman

Absent: Richard Beaton, Tony Capuco, Pam McMillian

Members Present: 24 members were present.

Quorum: Yes

Introductions: Dave R. asked that everyone introduce themselves with Directors going first. He reviewed the agenda and introduced the guest speaker, Lou Revelle. He is a past Director and President of the Leesville Lake Assoc. He is LLA's representative to the AEP Technical Review Committee on Aquatic Vegetation. Lou and his wife Delores live on Leesville Lake where Delores has roots dating back before the lake was ever here. Lou's presentation was about the history of where and how the SML/Leesville project started.

Treasurer's Report: Mary asked that everyone please register on the sign-up sheet. She announced that maps, LVL stickers, calendars, and t-shirts were available. Mary introduced Diane Hewett, Editor of the E-newsletter, and Bill and Christine Beckett, administrators of the LVL Facebook page and photographers and the beautiful photos posted on the site. Reports were sent out January 5 for the period ending December 2021. She had copies available at the meeting. The taxes for FY September 2020 through August 2021 were completed and e-filed on December 30, 2021. They were due January 15, 2022. The finance committee can now review the records for that period. Mary will be setting up a time for that meeting in early February. The annual request to TLAC for Beautification Day funds is due the end of March so we need to discuss how much to request. In the past it has been \$2,500 and more recently \$3,500. Due this year is our request for tax-exempt status which will be completed and filed before the due date.

Committee Reports:

Executive: Election of New Director- Dave R., representing the Board of Directors, moved that Brian Bell be elected as a Board of Director effective immediately. Brian accepted, there were no objections. The vote was taken and all approved. The motion was carried and the Directors roster will be updated.

2022 Beautification Day: Dannie reported that the date of Beautification Day will always be the second Saturday of June. The year it is June 11th. He stated that due to family obligations he is stepping down as Chair after many years of leading this very important event. The Beautification Day Guidelines have been updated for future events. Dannie introduced Roy Kelley, member of the Debris Committee, who will be Co-Chairing with Dannie for this year's BD. Roy and his wife Teri live in Quatrone and have a B&B cabin there. Roy is retired from the Navy and will transition as sole Chair after this year.

Communication: Dave W. reviewed the different social media that fall under the Communication Committee. LLA has its website, which Dave W. handles. Facebook, which is kept up to date by Christine Beckett, Frank P. and Joni Pauley E-mail Blasts are sent by Frank Podrebarac. The E-newsletter, edited by Diane Hewett and the Calendar is put together by Joni Pauley and Phyllis Garlick.

Debris: In Pam's absence, Roy K. reported that the Debris Committee met on December 16th. Dave R. contacted Rob Gallimore, our contact from AEP on the following topics of concern. Mr. Gallimore did not respond with any updates prior to this general meeting. **Routine Monthly Inspections:** Inspections were done April through October. During this time our committee has to go out on its own and then compare with AEP. **Myers Creek:** Myers Creek offload site is still not up and running. The ramp is in but the planned facility is still not completed but is supposed to be in service sometime this year. The facility will only be for debris picked up by AEP or its contractors. **Pigg River Containment Study:** AEP is still working on a final design and cost estimate.

Dave R. mentioned that the AEP annual TRC FERC reports are due this year. The Debris Committee is interested in seeing AEP's report as the debris/debris reports this year are way down from previous years. Reasons are that the

highwater events and weather have been dramatically different than in previous years. We are interested to see AEP's explanation of this. Dannie reminded everyone not to tie off large debris to their docks. AEP will not retrieve them if they are tied to a dock. Dave R. stated that the Debris Committee has suggested AEP installing tie-off poles for this purpose and they are still proposing a skimmer be purchased for Leesville Lake.

Membership: Chip reported that we have 237 dues paying members. He announced that the Membership Committee is in need of a Chair or to serve as a member to help put together events. Chip asked members to please complete the online survey which is on the website through January 2022. We have had only 46 so far but have had good feedback. He reviewed some of the results. A Safety Committee chair is also needed.

Navigation: Joe reported that all but 3 of the hazard buoys have been installed. He received approval from the DWR for the last 3 buoys to be installed. They are ready to be installed once the weather breaks. AEP proposed 43 channel markers. Joe proposed reducing to 13 and installing navigation lights on the Toler's Ferry Bridge. AEP will get back with our suggested locations for the channel markers and navigation lights to the bridge and get back with comments and suggestions. He stated that Paula Schnoffer with TLAC gave him 2 names of interest, Richard Grabowski and Larry Mitchell, to work with him on the Navigation Committee. He has been in contact with them and we now have two additional members who will likely join the Navigation Committee.

Water Quality: In Tony's absence, Charlie Hamilton reported that the Water Quality team concluded the season's water M of weeks. Overall, the health of LVL remains good as no unexpected issues were noted. Two potential threats to the health of LVL are input of poor-quality water from the Pigg River and low dissolved oxygen in water released from SML during power generation. Both aspects were less problematic than in 2021 than in the previous year but remain a concern. On multiple occasions we have pressed Appalachian Power for action to improve the dissolved oxygen content of the SML tailwaters, as it frequently does not comply with their operating license. We will continue to pressure Appalachian Power to rectify this situation. Our next recourse is to pressure the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to enforce the licensing agreement with Appalachian Power. Additionally, we will continue to monitor water quality of the Pigg River and take action as required.

TLAC: Every year a Representative from LLA must be nominated to represent us in TLAC. Dave Rives accepted the nomination to represent LLA for the 2022 year. Dave R. asked if there were any other nominations from the membership. There were none.

Motion: *Phyllis made a motion to accept Dave Rives' nomination to be LLA's representative to TLAC for the 2022 year. Mary seconded. All Approved. Motion carried.*

Dave R. reviewed the No Wake Surfing Zone Process put in effect last year by TLAC. He ask that anyone interested, please check out the TLAC website for info and noted that the process is lengthy and complex.

*****There was no Old Business or no New Business.*****

Gerry stated that he will conduct vessel safety checks by request.

Adjourn: *Motion: Mary made a motion to adjourn. Frank seconded. All approved.*

The next meeting is a Board meeting on Thursday, February 10th at the Staunton River Library at 6:30.