**Minutes of Board Meeting,**

**Leesville Lake Association, November 10, 2022, Altavista Train Station**

**Present:** Dave Rives, Chip Zimmerman, Charlie Hamilton, Joe Humphrey, Roy Kelley, Mary Loiselle, Pam McMillan, Dave Waterman, JW Burton, Dannie Smith, Richard Beaton and Bill Beckett

**Absent:**  Brian Bell, Tony Capuco, Frank Podrebarac

**Quorum:** Yes

**Call to order:** President, Dave Rives called the Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The board and one guest, Cynthia Coleman, made introductions.

**Minutes:** Dave R. asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2022 Board meeting.

***Motion: Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2022 Board meeting as presented. Roy seconded. All approved.***

Dave R. asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2022 General Membership meeting. Mary noted that the spelling of Joe Humphrey’s name should be corrected; Dave R. said he will take care of it.

***Motion: Mary made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2022 General Membership meeting, as amended. JW seconded. All approved.***

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bill reported that we transitioned from WePay to Stripe as our payment processing system. He assumes there will be a change in the fees charged but hasn’t seen any online payments yet. There was a problem with one payment so he made a $2.00 payment with the LLA charge card and it went through ok.

***Motion: Joe made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Charlie seconded. All approved.***

**Committee Reports:**

**a. Executive:** Frank Podrebarac has resigned from the board of directors. He will continue to assist with communications for the time being.

i. Organizational Succession Planning-

1. Secretary we are badly in need of a secretary. In the absence of a permanent one, the duties will rotate amongst the board members. Mary is taking the minutes tonight.

2. Safety Committee Chair –

3. Membership Committee Chair – Cynthia Coleman has expressed interest in becoming a member of the board and the membership committee chair. She and Mary have spoken in addition to Dave R. speaking to her. If, after this meeting, she’s still interested, the board will vote on it at the December meeting.

ii. Leesville Lake Magazine Article. Dave R., Bill and Mary were interviewed by a reporter from Womack Publishing. We assumed the article would appear in the Leesville Lake Magazine, instead it was in the Wednesday, November 9 edition of the Altavista Journal.

**b. Finance:** Davis Hewett (spouse of LLA newsletter editor Diane Hewett) will be asked to become a member of the finance committee. Once Bill has done or had the taxes done for the previous fiscal year, the committee will conduct and inspection.

**c. Nominating:** JW reported that there is no one in the pipeline to be nominated for any vacancies. Amanda Myers-Ramirez remains a possibility for several committees.

**d. Beautification Day:** Roy reported that the 2nd Beautification Day for 2022 had to be cancelled because of the expected effects of Hurricane Ian in the area. It was a good thing it was cancelled because he had no volunteers sign up in the six weeks we solicited. For 2023, we will focus on the main Beautification Day in June and perhaps think about having another in July or August. He’ll start contacting sponsors after January 1, 2023.

**e. Communications:**

E-Newsletter – next articles are due December 10, 2022 for the January newsletter.

Calendar: The calendars were available for the October meeting but we need an e-mail blast saying that they’re available for sale and mailing. Reference the online purchase link and questions to Joni Pauley at [calendar@leesvillelake.org](mailto:calendar@leesvillelake.org).

Email – All new officers and directors have been provided with new emails and should have gone through the process to set them up and have emails forwarded to their personal emails, if desired. Since some directors did not receive the message from Dave R. with the agenda for this meeting, Dave W. will get with Frank to straighten out any problems.

**f. Debris:** Pam reported that there were only 3 debris reports received. Other updates are included under TLAC Update and AEP TRC Updates (below).

**g. Membership:** Chip reported that membership has 250 members on roll.

**h. Navigation:**

i. Hazard Markers Update - Joe reported that all 12 hazard markers have been installed and are where they are supposed to be. 1 was replaced around MM1.5 and another at the mouth of Myers Creek.

ii. APCo Aids to Navigation Plan Update - AEP plans do involve the Coast Guard to survey our recommended 13 locations for Lateral (channel) Markers. We asked to be involved in that survey. Our recommendations also included a request for installation of navigation lights on the Tolers Ferry Bridge.

iii. TLAC Danger Buoy Request - Lyle and April Firnhaber have applied for two danger buoys between MMs 7 and 8, upriver of their dock. DWR has no role in danger markers so they will not be weighing in. We have asked the Firnhabers to consider only one Danger Buoy in an effort to minimize the number of buoys on Leesville Lake. The Firnhabers have agreed to apply for only one buoy. LLA has notified the Firnhabers they will be responsible for the installation and upkeep of their buoy. TLAC will discuss it at their December meeting, and then refer to DWR.

**i. Property:** Joe will be taking the LLA pontoon boat out of the water to work on it. He’s going to work on removing the starboard seat and get an estimate from C&C Fabrication in Altavista for a rear tow bar. He also plans on performing maintenance on the engine over the winter.

**j. Water Safety and Education:**  No update to report. Joe will check with Gerry Caprario to confirm that he is still willing to conduct vessel safety inspections, upon request.

**k. Water Quality:** See attachment.

**TLAC Update:**

a. Contrary to previous procedure that a representative to TLAC must be approved by the county they represent, they now must be approved by the TLAC board. Dave R. disagreed and voted against it but it passed.

b. Tiffany Miller resigned. She received all of the debris reports and compiled them.

c. Wake Education Task Force – Bill Beckett is the LLA representative.

**AEP Technical Review Committee Updates:**

**Debris** – TLAC – Pigg River: 90% of the engineering costs for a containment device have been approved. Next step is contacting regulatory agencies to determine requirements.

TLAC – Myers Creek: Working on site development plans. Storm water runoff plan has been submitted to DEQ.

Aquatic Vegetation – TLAC 2023 5-year Full Lake Study Year – may be postponed.

**Old Business:**

**Speakers for 2023 Membership Meetings:**

January – Dave R. will speak to Lou Revelle about who is conducting the archeological dig in the lake and if there are any speaker who could speak to Native American history in the area.

April – Recommended to have a speaker with information about a Fishing Tournament.

**New Business:** No items to report

**Executive Session:** No items to report.

**Confirmation of the September Board Meeting:** The next meeting is December 8, 2022, at the Altavista Train Station at 6:30 PM.

**Adjourn:**

***Motion: JW made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:56 PM. Mary seconded. All approved.***