**Minutes of Board Meeting,**

**Leesville Lake Association, December 8, 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, Bill Beckett, Brian Bell and Lou Revelle

**Absent:**  Tony Capuco, Richard Beaton

**Quorum:** Yes

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

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

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

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bill reported that we spent $4,900 on water monitoring this month. Dave R. commented that AEP wants to pay two years of water monitoring as it is advantageous to their finance management. Bill stated we had successfully transitioned from WePay to Stripe as our payment processing system. He noted that their reporting process was lacking details of actual purchases and would send total dollar summaries and often cover multiple days. Mary voiced her concern over this and that we need to have a more detailed reporting process from Stripe.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**a. Executive:** Dave offered that the board of directors had the authority and we have the head room to add another board member and committee chair as Cynthia Coleman was interested and qualified for the Membership Committee Chair.

***Motion: Mary made a motion to approve Cynthia joining the board and becoming the Membership Committee Chair. Charlie seconded. All approved.***

**b. Finance:** Davis Hewett (spouse of LLA newsletter editor Diane Hewett) was asked to become a member of the finance committee.

***Motion: Mary made a motion to approve Davis joining the finance committee. Bill seconded. All approved.***

Bill said we are on schedule for 2022 tax filing. Mary stated in the past she had alternated doing the taxes herself one year and hiring tax preparer the next. Following that cycle Bill (with Mary’s assistance) will do the taxes for 2022.

**c. Nominating:** JW reported that there were no additional persons to be nominated for any vacancies. Dave R. said he would speak to Jeff M. following the meeting for potentially filling a board / chair position as he was willing to assist.

**d. Beautification Day:** Roy reported nothing new for the 2023 Beautification Day planning. He will be providing board members flyers to distribute at businesses they frequent in the area to solicit for sponsorship for the 2023 Beautification Day.

**e. Communications:** Dave W. said that with the loss of Frank, Diane will be picking up some of Frank’s tasking regarding communications.

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

Calendar - Mary requested another email blast covering the availability and sale of the calendars.

Email – With Cynthia joining the board we need to provide her a LLA email.

**f. Debris:** Pam reported that there were two debris reports received this month. Pam had emailed Liz for debris totals and high water event details. She did not believe the high water event reported was tied to the Pigg River.

**g. Membership:** Chip reported that there were some membership tracking anomalies and that the actual number of members on roll was 215. With Cynthia’s approval to join the board she will become the Chair.

**h. Navigation:**

i. Hazard Markers Update - Joe reported that the hazard buoy was replaced around MM 1.5 and the hazard buoy at the shoal by Myers Creek was retrieved, cleaned, fitted with 150 lb anchors and new hardward, then installed on the shoal.

ii. APCo Aids to Navigation Plan Update - AEP plans do involve the Coast Guard to survey our recommended 13 locations for Lateral (channel) Markers. Additionally we requested for installation of navigation lights on the Tolers Ferry Bridge. AEP is asking the details of the lights, which they should know.

iii. TLAC Danger Buoy Request - Lyle and April Firnhaber have applied for two danger buoys between MMs 7 and 8, upriver of their dock. The Navigation Committee reviewed the request and asked the Firnhabers to consider only one Danger Buoy in an effort to minimize the number of buoys on Leesville Lake. The Firnhaber's have agreed to apply for only one buoy. The application will be considered by the TLAC Board at their next meeting.

**i. Property:** The LLA pontoon boat has been removed from the water and is sitting on the trailer. C&C Piping and Fabrication has agreed to design and install a tow bar. Joe plans on performing maintenance on the outboard engine over the winter.

**j. Water Safety and Education:**  Gerry Caprario does plan to conduct vessel safety inspections in 2023.

**k. Water Quality:** See Charlie’s attachment.

**TLAC Update:**

a. Next meeting is Tuesday, 13 December.

b. TLAC budget for LL is corrected to approximately $84,000 with $7,000 undesignated. Dave R. stated TLAC may struggle financially after next year.

**AEP Technical Review Committee Updates:**

Dave R. reminded committee chairs of the importance of timely comments on all reports.

Aquatic Vegetation – Lou stated that Leesville Lake had no significant vegetation issues. His samplings and findings aligned with Clonschmidt’s survey that there were no toxic weeds in Leesville Lake.

**Old Business:**

**Speakers for 2023 Membership Meetings:**

January –Lou Revelle will be the speaker at the 14 January, 1030 Membership Meeting addressing historic facts of our lake. Dave and Pam will coordinate chili for the meeting.

April – Topic will be fishing, Chip is researching a potential speaker.

July – The question was brought up, should we bring AEP back or consider every other year?

**New Business:**

Joe recommended a list of emergency contacts for boat operators on the lake. Bill stated he had considered building an app for debris reports, emergency contacting and weather. Dannie stated this had been considered before but there were concerns regarding liability. Depending on Jeff’s status, this may be for him to work as a potential board member.

Lou needs a boat ride on a clear day to capture some pictures for his presentation. Bill volunteered to assist.

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

**Confirmation of the January Membership Meeting:** The next meeting will be a General Membership Meeting 1030, January 14, 2022, at the Altavista Train Station.

**Adjourn:**

***Motion: Joe made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:46 PM. Mary seconded. All approved.***