**Minutes of Board Meeting,**

**Leesville Lake Association, February 9, 2023, Altavista Public Library**

**Present:** Dave Rives, Chip Zimmerman, Bill Beckett; Richard Beaton, Brian Bell, JW Burton, Tony Capuco, Cynthia Coleman, Charlie Hamilton, Mary Loiselle, Jeff Markiewicz, Dannie Smith, Dave Waterman

**Absent:**  Roy Kelley, Pam McMillan

**Quorum:** Yes

**Call to order:** President, Dave Rives called the Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** Dave R. asked for a motion to approve the minutes from both the December 8, 2022 and January 14, 2023 Board meetings.

**Motion**: Charlie Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2022 Board meeting as presented. Dannie Smith seconded. All approved.

**Motion**: Charlie Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2023 Board meeting as presented. Chip Zimmerman seconded. All approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bill stated there was nothing to report on the **December 2022 Financial Report**.

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

Regarding the **January 2023 Financial Report**, Bill reported that the focus in January was preparing and filing the tax return, which was filed. Mary asked when the audit would be done, as the taxes were filed and the books ready for inspection. Bill said he was working on that. There were no other issues.

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

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Executive** (Standing Committee) – Dave Rives

Secretary Position: Dave R. stated that the biggest concern at this time was the need for a secretary. While we have volunteers to take minutes, a secretary is needed to find the meeting locations take minutes and keep the records. Cynthia stated that several new members offered to help where they could and she said she would ask if any were interested in the secretary position.

1. **Finance** (Standing Committee)

Capital Improvement Ideas: none

Audit: Davis Hewett has volunteered to assist.

1. **Nominating:** JW Burton’s time on this committee is complete. This committee needs a chair and two members. It was discussed that the committee needs members from the various counties. The nominating committee needs to find members willing to be president and vice president. Cynthia Coleman offered to ask her husband, Glenn Coleman, to be a member of this committee.

1. **Beautification Day:** Though Roy Kelley was not at the meeting, he provided board members with 2023 Beautification Day flyers to distribute at businesses they frequent in the area to solicit for sponsorship. In reviewing the flyer online, several board members realized it needed to be updated.
2. **Communications:**
3. **Website**: Dave Waterman reported there was nothing new regarding the website.
   1. Diane is to do email blasts regarding docks and shoreline erosion.
   2. LLA received a request for assistance regarding property erosion.  Dave R will contact the AEP Shoreline Management team to assist.
4. **E-Newsletter**: Next articles due March 15, 2023
5. **Debris:** Pam McMillan respectfully submitted her report from sunny Florida.
   1. **2023 Overall Plan**:
      1. According to APCo, the crew will continue working post high-water event that occurred on 12/23/22.  Liz Parcel also said any submitted reports they receive will also be investigated.
      2. Since the event and up until our meeting with AEP on January 31st, the crew worked 12 and the contractor worked 5, for a total of 17 days.  Two hundred and five (205) tons were collected.
   2. **Myers Creek Offload Site Update**: Liz stated that it is still in the permit process and that it is “complicated.”
   3. **Pigg River Collection/Diversion Project Technical Evaluation**. This information comes from discussions with the AEP Technical Review Committee Update(s), during an AEP meeting on Jan 31, 2023.
      1. In December two new sections were added to the barge. It is now 30ft. wide by 60 ft long and will hold twice as many tons than before. In addition, a second outboard motor was added to improve the speed of the pusher boat and improvements to the storage ramp below the dam were addressed.
      2. Pigg River Debris Diversion Device information and discussion was limited. As of that meeting’s date, Liz Parcel stated that engineering studies are 60% completed in that phase of development.
      3. Debris Reporting:
         1. When questioned on debris report specifics, AEP’s David Agee stated that all debris reports will be addressed year-round and new personal are being trained for call backs on individual reports starting mid-April 2023.
         2. Debris Annual Report: Liz expects it to go out by sometime in February for review and comments.
   4. **LLA Beautification Day**: Dave Rives gave Liz the 2023 date and Liz asked to have this committee’s chair, Roy Kelley, contact Mark McGlothlin as it gets close for coordination.
6. **Membership:** Cynthia Coleman
   1. Cynthiamet with Chip on January 18 to learn more about Aplos and reporting. After reviewing the membership lists, Cynthia contacted seven (7) new members, welcoming them, and asking if there were any other household members' names to add to their registration. Out of the seven, she heard back from four. Also, one couple had accidently joined as individuals, rather than as a household. They were contacted and a refund will be issued. Cynthia is working through the Aplos listings, working to correct some mistakes, especially regarding renewing online, which can create a second account. She is working backwards through the donations, from 2023 through 2022 contributions, to make sure all the data on each member is correct and updated.
   2. As far as creating any LLA merchandise to sell, a Leesville Lake map on a sweatshirt was spotted at the January member meeting and Cynthia is investigating how to obtain and use that map for the association.
7. **Navigation:** Joe Humphrey
   1. **Hazard Buoy Update:** We provided revisions needed to the lake map regarding identification of the hazards with buoys. This is to correct the designation for several hazards and remain consistent on the map.
   2. **Aids To Navigation** 
      1. We reviewed the proposed Navigation Aids locations and adjusted one of the 13 proposed. These were provided to AEP for consideration.
      2. AEP still plans to have a Coast Guard representative survey the lake while considering our recommended 13 proposed navigation aids. We asked to be part of that survey which will likely be in the April/May timeframe.
      3. Along with our proposal for the 13 channel markers, we requested AEP install and maintain navigation lights on the Tolers Ferry Bridge.
      4. 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.
      5. Lou needs a boat ride on a clear day to capture some pictures for his presentation. Bill volunteered to assist.
8. **Property:** The Association pontoon boat has been removed from the water for the winter season and for maintenance. The tow bar has been installed by C&C Piping and Fabrication, Altavista. It is a substantial structure which should serve well for towing debris. The anchor light has been relocated so it does not interfere with the opening of the rear deck for fueling. Also, a cleat has been installed on the tow bar for attaching a rope when towing debris. The starboard side bench has been removed to provide additional workspace. A new bottle of fuel additive (Sta-Bil) is on board and should be used with each fuel fill. Joe Humphrey will check oil levels, spark plugs, etc. in the outboard motor prior to placing the boat back in the water. (Photos are attached)
9. **Water Safety**: Jeff Markiewicz
   1. 2023 Vessel Safety Inspections – Gerry Caprario
      1. Gerry Caprario will conduct inspections in 2023.
      2. Jeff will work to get certified.
   2. 2023 Boater Safety Classes: Anyone interested will be referred to VA DWR
   3. Lake “Rescue” Service:
      1. Dave R told the board that SML has a Fire and Rescue Department and has since 1975, which is made up of volunteers. This fire and rescue department is under the purview of Bedford County and covers all of SML.
      2. The board discussed the need for this committee’s recommendations and to create a proposal. Jeff Markiewicz will work on this.
      3. There was discussion regarding LLA’s ability to answer legal questions of liability.
      4. TLAC would be the entity that would oversee such an operation on Leesville Lake.
10. **Water Quality:** Submitted by Charlie Hamilton, LVL WQ Chair

All Water monitoring efforts for 2022 have completed, in accordance with our 2022 MOA. Budgeting activities have been submitted to APCo and TLAC for 2023/2024 Water Quality initiatives. APCo 2023 LVL work Plan in preparation. 2022 LVL and Pigg River studies are being drafted for review on 28 Feb 23.

1. Current Water Quality health of LVL:
2. No overall health concerns for recreational use.
3. Two threats to the lake are evident and are being carefully monitored.  These are:
4. low dissolved oxygen in the tailwaters from Smith Mountain Lake Dam
5. poor water quality of the Pigg River
6. Low Dissolved Oxygen (DO):
7. Appalachian Power Company (APCo) “SMITH MOUNTAIN HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT June - October 2022 Monthly Water Quality Monitoring Reports (ES Project No: 16402), and our WQ monitoring in concert with University of Lynchburg show data from Instantaneous DO values and Daily average DO values which were consistently below 5.0 mg/l between 25 July and 15 October 2022 (Permit lower DO boundary).
8. At a 31 Jan 2023 meeting with APCo leadership – they acknowledged that they were operating outside of their permit for dissolved oxygen. They also acknowledged this was a major focus for the upcoming reiisue of Appalachian’s VDEQ Virginia Water Protection Individual Permit No 08-0572 (Permit) expires on March 31, 2025. It is Appalachian’s intent to file for a new permit at least one year prior to the expiration date. Whether they actually remediate, using results of their Phase 3 Feasibility Study, or seek a waiver in the Permit requirements, remains to be seen. Two TRCs have been initiated for WQ – first on 1 March 2023 and second requested for either Apr 19 or Apr 21.
9. 2022 Pigg River Study: Pigg River first sampling was conducted on 10 October 2022. Bacterial Source Tracking (BST) was taken (3 host markers per sample) on 9 water samples focusing on the following analyses: Human-HF183 ddPCR, Cow-CowM2(EPA1), and Ruminant\_Rum2Bac. Second sampling, coincident with heavy rain from Hurricane Nicole, was conducted Friday 11 November 2022. Analyses of both Pigg River samplings have been completed at Luminaltra Laboratory, and the results are being factored into the University of Lynchburg analyses and report, due 28 February 2023.
10. **TLAC Update:** Dave R stated that the next Meeting will be held on February 14, 2023. Kristina is getting the by-laws in place, as they needed updating.
11. **AEP Technical Review Committee Update(s)**

Water Quality, Charlie Hamilton: TRC meetings will be held March 1, 2023 and around the 19th, 20th of April

**Old Business:**

* 1. Update from January 31, 2023 APCo Meeting
  2. Speakers for 2023 Membership Meetings
     1. April—Fishing Information: It is hoped that there will be a speaker found for this meeting.
     2. July—AEP/APCo has been confirmed.
     3. October—Lou Revelle is looking good as the speaker.

**New Business:** Nothing was reported.

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

**Confirmation of next meeting**: March 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Altavista Library

**Adjournment**: At 8:00 p.m. Mary called for the meeting to be adjourned, which was seconded by JW Burton. All agreed.