**Minutes of Leesville Lake Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting, August 10, 2023, Altavista Library**

**Present:** Vice President Chip Zimmerman, Directors Richard Beaton, JW Burton, Tony Capuco, Cynthia Coleman, Jeff Markiewicz, Roy Kelley, Pam McMillan, Dannie Smith, Dave Waterman and Joe Humphrey.

**Absent:**  President Dave Rives, Treasurer Bill Beckett, Directors Charlie Hamilton and Mary Loiselle.

**Quorum:** Yes

**Call to order:** Chip Zimmerman called the Board meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

**Minutes:** Chip Zimmerman asked for a motion to approve the June 8 meeting minutes of the Board. Dannie Smith made a motion that the minutes be approved. Richard Beaton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Chip Zimmerman asked for a motion to approve the July 15 meeting minutes of the Membership. Pam McMillan made a motion that the minutes be approved. Joe Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer Report**: Chip Zimmerman

Discussion of a membership double payment and that the second payment was returned. This lead to Discussion on who had full access to Aplos the accounting software. In addition to Bill the Treasurer, Mary has full access this is in addition to Cynthia and Chip who have limited access to Aplos. The Year-to-Date Budget report, Income Statement, and Balance Sheet for July were submitted via email on Aug 3. A motion was made to approve the July Treasurer’s Reports as submitted. Cynthia Coleman seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**a. Executive –** Chip Zimmerman – no report

**b. Finance -** No report

**c. Nominating –**

i. FY23/24 Leadership –

1. Officers:
   1. President: Roy Kelley - nominated by Dave Rives, election was approved
   2. Vice President: Chip Zimmerman - nominated by Jeff Markiewicz, Dave Waterman seconded nomination, election was approved
   3. Secretary: No nominations, it was discussed to reach out to Teri Thomas to see if she is interested in serving
   4. Treasurer: No Nominations, it was discussed that the same person can be both Secretary and Treasurer as well as looking at hiring a bookkeeper to assist the Treasurer

ii. Chairs needed for: Finance, Navigation, Nominating and Property

iii. TRC representatives are needed for FY 23/24 for Navigation and Erosion/Sedimentation

1. Navigation – Coverage may be required Joe Humphrey will continue to end of Calendar Year
2. Erosion/Sedimentation - Cynthia Coleman will cover until another person can be found

iv. TLAC Committee representatives are needed for FY 23/24: Navigation Joe Humphrey will continue to cover until end of Calendar Year

v. Directors retiring August 31 2023– Beaton, Burton, Capuco and Humphrey

vi. New Director starting September 1, 2023 – Teri Thomas

**d. Beautification Day -** Roy Kelley

i. Lessons learned Despite lower participation by persons and boats a sizable amount of debris was collected. During the Membership appreciation Day $800 was collected from the Sale of old Leesville Lake Beautification day t-shirt in the 2 for $5 sale. $400 was collected just from the T-Shirt Artist alone.

ii. Fall Beautification Day - A motion to not have a Fall Beautification in CY 2023 was received from the Beautification Day Committee and seconded by Cynthia Coleman. The motion was approved.

**e. Communications** - Dave Waterman

i. Website (Dave Waterman) updates to the website will be needed to reflect new board members and leaders

ii. E-Newsletter (Diane Hewett)

1. Next articles due Sept 15

iii. Calendar (Melissa Croteau / Phyllis Garlick) a recommendation from the committee to increase the price of the calendars to $12 and to charge an additional $3 for mailing the calendar to the member, to cover additional costs and use of shutter fly as the provider for the calendars. The motion was approved.

iv. Email (Waterman / Hewett) an email was received from Runaway Bay HOA requesting Leesville l

Lake Association (LLA) to send a speaker to their board meeting. It was noted that there is currently nobody on LLA board of Directors from Runaway Bay.

v. Social Media (Christine Beckett / Joni Pauley?) No report

f. **Debris -** Pam McMillan

A regular monthly survey was performed on August 3rd.  The report from Appalachian received today noted in general that most of the debris was above mile marker 7.

In the month of July-August;

 AEP crew collected 295 tons.

Contractor collected 110 tons.

For Leesville Lake, total amounts collected since January are 1885 tons.

For Smith Mountain Lake, total amount collected since January are 900 tons.

AEP crew worked 13 days and the contractor worked 9.

i. 2023 Overall Plan Compliance - It is still the LLADC’s position that not enough work hours, crew and equipment is being implemented to address the debris currently in Leesville Lake, and recommendations to concentrate efforts for both the dedicated crew and the contractor to work above mile marker 7.

ii. Myers Creek Offload Site Update- **No Update**

iii. Pigg River Collection/Diversion Project Technical Evaluation Update- No Update

iv. On July 31st our committee finally received the meeting notes from the Smith Mountain Project’s Debris Technical Review Committee’s annual meeting held on April 28, 2023 in Rocky Mount, Virginia.   These notations that will be submitted to FERC by the end of this month were vaguely written and did not appear to reflect the detailed discussions on topics of concern.  Our Debris Committee took the opportunity to comment back on these meeting notes which will be attached to the final submission

**g. Membership -** Cynthia Coleman

i. LLA Apparel - Since the newsletter announcement and my announcement at the Annual Picnic, I've had no one contact me needing help in how to purchase the Leesville Lake T-shirts at the website link provided.

ii. LLA currently has 228 member households.

iii. At the Annual Picnic, 88 people signed in at the Membership Booth. However, the Marina's restaurant had set out 115 plates to tally a number and all plates were used. Lisa Zimmerman relayed to Chip that the number was closer to 120 plates served. Cynthia was concerned about the number of those who didn't sign in, which would be 32 people, which is a lot.

Several methods of obtaining a more accurate number of attendees would be to stress to people the importance of signing in and getting a nametag or move the membership table closer to the buffet line.

**h. Navigation -** Joe Humphrey

i.Hazard Buoy Update- The 12 Hazard Buoys planned and approved are all in place.

ii.Aids To Navigation - The planned Coast Guard survey to review our 13 proposed navigation aids has been

postponed until Next year due to funding limitations, according to Liz Parcell. .

**i.Property -** The LLA pontoon boat is still in the water. Both Joe Humphrey and Chip Zimmerman have keys to the boat. Chip keeps his key at the Leesville Lake Marine in case the boat is needed.

**j. Water Safety -** Jeff Markiewicz

i. 2023 Vessel Safety inspection – Gerry Caprario is continuing, to perform these in 2023. Jeff Markiewicz plans to conduct these in 2024

ii. Boater Safety Classes – under the auspices of DWR, US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the US Power Squadron (now referring to themselves as America’s boating club, class registration is available thru the DWR. The link is on the Leesville Lake Association Website. Jeff noted that DWR is having an in person class at the Altavista Train Station scheduled on 12 Aug.

iii. Lake “Rescue Service” review – Jeff discussed his draft proposal regarding LVL “rescue” service. The name may be important, the service should be focusing on assistance to boaters, on Leesville Lake, that cannot return to their home port or are overdue to return. One suggestion would be to refer to it as a retrieval vice a rescue service. The focus of the “Service” should be to assist boaters returning to port so that a breakdown or similar event does not turn into a life-threatening event. Jeff also indicated that both Chip Zimmerman and Danny Smith have gone out and continue to go out to assist boaters in trouble. Pam McMillan and Joe Humphrey indicated they also would be willing to support the effort. Jeff will be looking at Google voice or other similar services to have a central call in phone number that can notify the group of a call.

iv. Electrical Safety on Docks/Piers – a link to an article on electrical shock drownings will be put in the next newsletter and on the LLA website.

**k. Water Quality –** Tony Capuco - August samples are scheduled for collection. The plan for sampling the Pigg River has been finalized. Roy Kelly noted, from the TLAC meeting, that a Harmful Algae Bloom and no swimming advisory is currently in place on the Blackwater River Branch of Smith Mountain Lake. Luckly Leesville lake has not had any indication of the Harmful Algae. This is probably due to the higher flow of water on Leesville Lake.

**TLAC Update –** Roy Kelley

A three battle to add a No Wakeboarding zone cove on Merriman Run on Smith Mountain Lake came to an end with the approval of the Virginia department The only “No Wake Surfing” zone request was denied by Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources. The Harmful Algae Bloom and no swimming advisory is currently in place on the Blackwater River Branch of Smith Mountain Lake. Luckly Leesville lake has not had any indication of the Harmful Algae. This is probably due to the higher flow of water on Leesville Lake.

**Old Business:**

1. Speakers for the 2023 Membership meeting
   1. October – There was some discussion of inviting an Archaeologist on Leesville Lake to speak it was determined to be impractical. It was also discussed to invite Lou Rivell.
2. An AEP managerial official offered to attend LLA meetings. The AEP official would not be an official member and would not have voting rights. Neal Holthouser the AEP official is available for the Sept LLA board meeting.

**New Business:**

No New Business

**Adjourn:**

***Motion: Roy Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.***