**Leesville Lake Association, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Meeting – March 14, 2024**

**Location: Altavista Library – 6:30pm**

**1.**      Call to Order 6:28 pm

Members present: Roy Kelley, Debra Kiraly, Mary Loiselle, Dave Waterman, Chip Zimmerman, Dannie Smith, Cynthia Coleman, Glenn Coleman, Joe Humphrey, Pam McMillan, Bill Beckett – Absent were Edwin Hanson, Jeff Markiewicz, Teri Thomas, and Charlie Hamilton

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

February 8, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes were moved, seconded, and approved with no further discussion.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Edwin Hanson was absent, below is his report.

 Edwin Hanson Treasurer/Finance Report – Board Meeting – Mar 14, 2024

**Treasurer’s Report** – In the last month we had income of $ 2,775.56 and expenses of $ 185.10. The majority of our income was from Beautification Day sponsors. The Miscellaneous income item on the report was a reimbursement from the Altavista Area Chamber of Commerce for our 2024 dues. Looking forward, March expenses will include water quality expenses to the University of Lynchburg and two computer applications, 10Web and Aplos.

**Finance Committee**

Pre-paid Cards – The pre-paid Card Policy has been updated, Section III, paragraph 5 – Spending limits. The following sentence was added: “In accordance with LLA Finance Policy, use of the card is limited to $100 without prior approval from the Executive Committee or the LLA Board.” If this wording is acceptable and there are no additional questions or concerns, the Policy is ready for a motion to adopt. Discussion ensued and several questions were asked regarding the pre-paid cards. Moved and seconded to approve as updated.

**Certificate of Deposit** – Our CD has been established at Select Bank. The interest rate was locked in for 12 months at 4.79 %.

**Internal Audit** – The Finance Committee was not able to meet during February, so the internal audit was postponed to March. The committee intends to conduct an internal audit/review of the Treasurer’s records in the coming weeks.

                           March 14, 2024, Treasurer’s Report was approved via motion and second.

2.**Committee Reports**:

**Executive *(Standing Committee)*** – Roy Kelley – no report.

**Nominating** – Teri Thomas - Nancy Dalton has decided to delay joining the board.

a) Have 12 calendars left including those held for internet orders. Had one online order filled 3/11/24.

b) Calendar subcommittee meeting scheduled for March 26th to plan the 2025 calendar.

**Beautification Day** – Roy Kelley – reporting that there are 39 T-shirts left over from last year’s beautification day. Roy and Teri sorted them by size: 10 small, 8 medium, 2 large, 8 Xlarge, 0 XXlarge, 0 XXXlarge, 6 Xlarge tall and 5 XXLlarge tall. Roy proposed to order ten less shirts this year and change the order of sizes.

BOD efforts on sponsorship requests to local businesses – donations are coming in from the HOAs, APCO, Roy sent out the list of who has been solicited. Roy will provide a write-up advertising beautification day for Dave to post on the website.

Debra has secured Mark Jackson for working beautification day at Runaway Bay. He has requested 1 size 3X shirt and one XL shirt.

**Communications** – David Waterman -

1. various and sundry software updates have been applied to website.

2. content updates for the website have been received and applied from Nominating, Safety and Water Quality committees.

3. planning on getting together with the Treasurer for updates he would like to make.

4. All other services have no updates to report

**Debris** – Pam McMillan *-*

Since the January 10th, 19.63 ft., High Flow (HF) event on the Pigg River, the following abbreviated updates from Appalachian were received. The full reports are available upon request.

December 2023 report

received on January 10 reviewing the month December data makes mention of that HF event but did not conduct a survey until January 31st (21 days later).

January 2024 report

received on February 12, 2024, gives the totals of the days worked, tons removed and assessments of post HF area observations. January 1st-January 31st, the

Crew worked-11 days Crew removed 145 tons

Contractor-0 days Contractor 0 tons

-The report was not specific on where the crew concentrated these removal efforts. Usually, they are.

-Proposed work on the report was vague stating, “Appalachian proposes to continue removing debris from Leesville Lake, as encountered, as traveling upstream from the dam, as weather permits. A revised work plan will be forwarded to the TRC upon completion of the proposed debris assessments.”

-AEP never followed up on that revised work plan during the month of January.

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February 2024 report

received on March 8, 2024, provided the following information.

“Results: A debris assessment of Leesville Lake was conducted on February 26, 2024 (610.36). In general, most debris is located between the dam and MM5. Specific observations are provided below:”

Dam–MM5 The main channel contained many areas of woody debris ranging in size from mulchy type debris to large logs. Both shorelines were relatively clear as the higher reservoir elevation had most of the debris floating in the main channel.

MM5-7 This area was mostly clear except for a couple of medium to large logs widely scattered in main channel.

MM8-

12 This area was mostly clear except for a couple of areas of small mulchy type debris and small sticks scattered in main channel mainly along left shoreline.

“Proposed Work Plan

Because debris loading was greatest on Leesville Lake among the three tributaries, the Leesville Lake Crew will continue to work 2-3 days a week concentrating on the areas between Leesville Dam and MM-5. Additionally, Appalachian’s contractor will assist, as available, with hauling and with debris removal 1-2 days per week on Leesville Lake. The contractor’s debris removal efforts will be conducted out of Three Pipes, concentrating on areas between MM7-9. Debris hauling is ongoing on days with less favorable weather. As always, these plans are contingent upon weather, changes in observed debris loading, lake elevations, contractor availability, etc.”

February 1st and February 29th, 2024, the

Crew worked-16 days. Crew removed 1040 tons.

contractor worked-6 days Contractor 110 tons.

Total tons removed from LVL since January-1295

Total tons removed from SML since January-30

There were no High Flow events in February.

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On March 1, 2024, our committee received a draft of the 2023 Smith Mountain Project’s Debris Management Plan from Appalachian. Our committee held a meeting on March 7th to review the draft and since that time we have been formulating our responses to the draft which will be submitted before March 31st.

Questions were asked about the skimmer – sometime this year it is to be received. It is unclear when it will be put into service on the lake as there is training that is required.

Bill Beckett asked if there was a way to reconcile the number of days the barge worked with sightings of the barge and it was explained that some days the barge works only on what has already been accumulated, and that counts as a workday, although the barge may not be going out on the lake.

It was reported that damage from a log was done to the community dock at Runaway Bay, and 2 days later the barge was in that cove to remove debris and was sighted removing debris from shoreline areas.

Dave Rives reported that in 2020 there were 7,500 tons of debris removed from the lake, so we are already ahead of what was removed then – with only 2 months reported, spring isn’t here yet and we are dependent on HF events.

**Membership** – Cynthia Coleman – we have 211 members. Cynthia has been researching give away items, plus how to obtain copyrights to the Leesville Lake maps or how to clean up and reuse the ones we already have.

Cynthia provided a large number of items that we could potentially purchase for giveaways, and discussion ensued as to what was appropriate, storable in the storage shed, and cost effective. It was determined after discussion to have Cynthia pursue 3 items: hats, key floats and waterproof cell phone holders.

Discussion was held regarding the appropriate type of name tag for LVL meetings, and it was moved and seconded to purchase the plastic name holders with a clip and/or safety pin, that have inserts for names and Cynthia will print as needed from the RSVP lists. At the July meeting it will be requested that attendees return their name tag for reuse.

**Navigation** – Glenn Coleman

The Navigation Committee received a letter of notification from the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) that the hazard buoys on Leesville Lake are scheduled for inspection by DWR in the period from April 1, 2024 to May 1, 2024. The letter reminded us of our responsibility to maintain the buoys in good condition.

Joe Humprey has inspected the hazard buoys from the dam to the Tri-County Marina and found them in good condition. Joe and Glenn Coleman will service the association’s pontoon boat and use it to inspect the other hazard buoys within the next week. There is a question about 1 buoy.

**Water Safety & Education** – Jeff Markiewicz

Gerry Caprario probably not be able to continue will continue this service in 2024. Jeff Markiewicz is in process of getting qualification as Vessel Examiner with the SML Sail & Power Squadron working on study of requirements in preparation for the online exam. After this, he will work with SML Sail & Power Squadron the getting required five vessel safety checks as the practical requirement. The goal is to be qualified during the summer and ready by membership appreciation day. If Vessel inspection is desired prior to his qualification Jeff will work with SML Sail and power squadron and/or US Coast Guard Auxiliary to support. Note National Boater Safety Week is May 18-24 this year.

2024 Boater Safety Classes

a. Continue to refer to VA DWR

b. Upcoming Classes (from DWR website, link is on LLA Website on Water Safety Committee, and under resources, Boating Safety)

Sat 16 Mar, 13 Apr, 11 May, 15 Jun, 13 Jul and 17 Aug 8:00-4:30 SML Water Treatment Facility, 1500 Radford Church Rd, Moneta VA. $40 Course. US Power Squadron Course materials include 270 pages with supplemental chapter on piloting and intro to Navigation question call Randy Stow 540 588-0270

Sat 23 Mar, 8:30-4:30 Smith Mountain Lake Marine Volunteer Fire Hall, 284 Oak Grove Lane, Moneta VA. Free Course

Tues 7 & 14 May and Thurs 9 & 16 May (4 Nights0 6:00-8:30 PM, Virtual VA DWR Course, free Course, Trevor Ruble contact trevor.ruble@dwr.virginia.gov

Online Courses a. Virginia Boating Safety http://www.boat-ed.com/virginia/

America’s Boating Course http://www.americasboatingcourse.co

**Water Quality** – Charlie Hamilton

A) The high turbidity caused by the suspended sediment in Leesville Lake from the January high water event, has returned to normal – no more chocolate milk brown!

B) The Leesville Lake Annual Water Quality Report has been completed and posted on our LLA Website.

C) The Pigg River annual report is under development and will be posted on our LLA website in late March 2024.

D) Members of the WQ Committee participated in a Public Meeting to Develop a Water Quality Cleanup Plan Development for The Pigg River, Poplar Branch, Frying Pan Creek, and Beaverdam Creek in Franklin, Pittsylvania and Bedford Counties on February 29th. This is a continuation of the 2021 TDML and for the Pigg River, is focusing on the Pigg headwaters. LLA will attempt to shift the TDML focus to pursue 319 funding to revise the model underpinning the TDML. Focus on sediment which seems to be the greatest problem and then agriculture and pet scenarios.

E) LLA Comments were submitted on the APCO 2023 draft annual water quality report on March 10, 2024.

F) The 2024 LLA/University of Lynchburg MOA is now under final signatures (LLA has signed)

G) APCO will host the WQ TRC in late April/early May.

H) Leesville Lake Water Quality is currently very good.

**TLAC:**  Chip Zimmerman – Chip reported that TLAC continues to follow up on dredging and is getting reports from other resources to further knowledge about dredging on other lakes. Dave Rives noted that the last dredging he was aware of was the Brumfield area. Neil Holtzhauer was asked some specific questions but did not provide answers or the maps that were requested. Tom Lawton – Altavista area County Supervisor has been requested to look at the availability of a citizen representative from Campbell County to TLAC. It was stated that a by-law change was required, however subsequent information provided by Mr. Lawton indicates that Campbell County must first make the request/determination/appointment.

3. **Old Business**

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Altavista YMCA, April 13, 2024. Mary has Dark Sky guest speaker as a guest speaker. Dark Sky will need total AV support, they are bringing a flash drive – so we will need a projector and screen. Roy will check at the YMCA for these items but will not be able to attend the meeting. Edwin was noted as offering a projector. Content and duration should be 30 minutes and then Q&A. Chip will run the meeting in Roy’s absence, and the YMCA requires a member to run through a checklist at the end of the meeting to ensure compliance with their rules. Dave Rives and Debra Kiraly will take care of this. Mary will get the Danish and coffee and all supplies required. Ice, water, tea, coffee etc. Cynthia will provide a give away item, we need some signs on the outside of the YMCA indicating where the meeting is held, room fee and deposit are already paid. An e-mail blast needs to go out reminding members of the meeting.

4. **New Business -** we have the April 13, 2024, meeting set. Discussion ensued regarding the location of the July meeting, and it was felt it should be held at the Leesville Lake Marina. It was moved and seconded to be held there. Concerns were noted with respect to sound and everyone being able to hear, and Chip is requested to provide information/cost on closing the pool area during the meeting, at the next Board meeting. We may need to rent an audio/speaker system and additionally figure a way to funnel attendees to that we keep track of who attended.

Cynthia is signed up to provide/find a speaker for the October meeting.

The next  Board of Directors Meeting will be May 9, 2024, 6:30pm, Altavista Library has been reserved

Adjourn – 8:01 pm