**Leesville Lake Association, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Meeting – February 20, 2025**

**(Revised Date)**

**Location: Altavista Presbyterian Church – 5:00 pm**

**Agenda**

1.      Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Board members present were: Roy Kelley, Chip Zimmerman, Debra Kiraly, Teri Thomas, Mary Loiselle, Cynthia Coleman, Glenn Coleman, Dannie Smith, Jeff Markiewicz, Dave Waterman, Charlie Hamilton – Edwin Hanson (by phone) Absent – Pam McMillian Guests – Nancy Smith

2.      Approval of Meeting Minutes:

a.      December 12, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – moved, seconded and approved.

3.      Treasurer’s Report:

a.       December 2024 / January 2025 Treasurer’s Reports – moved, seconded and approved.

b. Nov Treasurer’s Report: The November Treasurers report missed the interest payment on the CD in November. The reported income and total balance on the reports all increased by $621.97. This change was corrected prior to the December reports being generated. If anyone needs copies of the revised November reports, please let Edwin know.

c. Dec Treasurer’s Report: We saw income of $466.74 and expenses of $1,278.43. Income was primary from calendars and interest. Expenses were primarily from: Tax filing fee, APLOS software and promotional items.

d. Jan Treasurer’s Report: We saw income of $253.45 and expenses of $325.36. Income was primary from a donation and interest. Expenses were primarily from: Office supplies and pontoon repair.

e. AEP Funding: More details to follow in the Water Quality Report, but we have received payment from AEP for 2025 testing.

f. APLOS Security: Starting Feb 25th, on your next login you’ll be prompted to set up multi-factor authentication (MFA) by verifying either your email or phone number.

g. Certificate of Deposit: Our CD matures this month on 23 Feb 2025. The rates have dropped, but CD interest rates are still higher than the 1.5% we get on our Money Market account at First National Bank. We have 10 days, from 23 Feb, to move the money out of the CD at Select Bank or it will roll over to another year at that day’s rate. Edwin will plan to check with First National to see if they will match the rate during those ten days. It would be more convenient to have all our accounts in one bank. Edwin recommends that we continue to maintain the CD. One question was raised regarding whether we exceeded the FDIC Insured amount, however we are under at amount at Select Bank. A motion was made, seconded and approved for Edwin to obtain the best rate he can on a CD and consolidate the accounts if possible.

h. Internal Finance Review: The Finance committee will conduct an in-house financial review in the next few months to check my books and make recommendations needed.

i. Teri received $48.00 of calendar sales, which was given to Mary to deposit. It was discussed how much we want to sell the remaining calendars for and decided that $5.00 would be the correct amount.

4.      Committee Reports:

a.      Executive

i.            Organizational Succession Planning

1.      Nothing to report

b.      Finance – as noted above in the Treasurer’s point at (h) – there will be an in-house review in the next few months.

c.       Nominating - Teri Thomas

Teri has recommended nominating Tom Galvanek for a director position. Tom would like to serve on the Beautification Day committee.

Calendar Subcommittee:

* + - Calendars are still available for purchase: 125 invoiced \*131 produced (printer gave us extras)
* 83 sold as of Feb 13th - $1086 total minus 887.42 costs = 198.58 profit
* 43 for sale
* 5 set aside for new members

– 1 presented

4 available

* + - Recommend selling calendars at the April general meeting for a reduced price. Requires a board vote.
    - Need one for Travis Marshall (Donation)

d.      Beautification Day – Roy Kelley

i.   2025 BD will be June 14th

ii. Roy and Dannie will start the process of sending out sponsor requests to TLAC, AEP and other typical sponsors. Board members are asked to also recruit sponsors. Roy will provide extra copies of the sponsorship forms. We believe Bob Rankin will do the design for T-shirts. With last year’s amount of debris, it was discussed if Runaway Bay should have an additional dumpster. The incremental cost is roughly $1K. Debra will contact Mark Jackson of Jackson’s Landscape and Lighting to see if he is available to work at Runaway Bay. At present we will not order a second dumpster until we determine Mark’s availability.

e.      Communications – David Waterman

Website: Due to various technical issues with our current Form Maker software, Dave plans to discontinue with our current vendor and implement an alternative. Cost still TBD but probably in the $100 range which is higher than the current plugin. Can we implement a stop-pay against the old vendor (10Web) since they have our credit card on file? Given their dysfunctional support team, Dave is not counting on being able to simply request a discontinuation at the end of the current term (sometime in March). Edwin will cancel the billing via the Visa card.

Newsletters & Emails: Newsletters and email reach out are going out as scheduled. Newsletters and out of band email announcements are both edited and sent by Diane Hewitt, our newsletter editor, at [newsletter@leesvillelake.org](mailto:newsletter@leesvillelake.org). She is planning on relocating so we need a volunteer to undertake her duties which are:

1. Acquire newsletter articles from committees and the occasional volunteer (the fishing report for example) on a quarterly basis, edit check them and schedule a mass mailing via Constant Contact for the 1st day of January, April, July and September.
2. Send out any other mass emailing (beautification Day reminders for instance) as requested by whoever is coordinating that event.
3. After the fiscal year end, accept a mass update for the various subgroups maintained in the Aplos databases by membership and reload this data to our mailing lists.

If anyone knows of someone both willing and capable of replacing Diane, please let me know ASAP. In the interim – Cynthia Coleman volunteered to do the newsletter.

**Facebook**: If you follow us on https://www.facebook.com/leesvillelake.org we always welcome new commentary pertaining to our association or life on the lake. If you have anything we need to post on Facebook, let me know and/or send the update to Christine Beckett at [facebook@leesvillelake.org](mailto:facebook@leesvillelake.org).

f.        Debris – Pam McMillan –Appalachian experienced delays in final seasonal reporting due to prioritizing response efforts following Hurricane Helene.

In October, Appalachian removed the following amounts of debris from Leesville Lake (LVL) (in tons):

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| --- | --- |
| Lake Crew | 215 |
| Contractor | 0 |
| Total | 215 |

 This debris was removed from Leesville Lake between the dam and MM9.

 During the month of November, Appalachian removed the following amounts of debris from Leesville Lake (LVL) (in tons):

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| --- | --- |
| Lake Crew | 60 |
| Contractor | 0 |
| Total | 60 |

 This debris was removed from Leesville Lake between the dam and MM9.

 The total amount of debris removed from the Smith Mountain Project as of November 30, 2024 is 4,540tons.  Broken down by lake, this amount equates to:

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| --- | --- |
| SML | 1,560 |
| LVL | 2,980 |
| Total | 4,540 |

**High Flow Events**

There was one high flow event in the month of October. On October 1st, 2024, the Pigg River briefly exceeded its trigger at 6’11”.  The debris intake to Leesville Lake was minimal.  

In October (October 1st – October 31st), the Leesville Lake Crew worked 12 days, and the Contractor worked 0 days on Leesville Lake.

 In November (November 1st – November 30th), the Leesville Lake Crew worked 1 day, and the Contractor worked 0 days on Leesville Lake.

There was 1 debris report in October and 1 in November.

There were none submitted in December or January.

**Pam informed management that the January report does not mention any proposed plans to address the remaining debris in the lake and inquired about Appalachian’s plans moving forward. Appalachian responded that they would continue to monitor debris reports as they are received and will follow the Debris Management Plan.**

**This response suggests that unless AEP receives debris reports during the off-season, they do not plan to address the remaining debris in the lake.**

g.      Membership – Cynthia Coleman –

Currently, Leesville Lake Association has 200 membership households.

Cynthia has purchased two new giveaways that will be available for the March Membership Meeting. It was discussed if we should raffle some of the give aways and/or sell some. A motion was made to raffle three (3) and the rest would be for sale for $15.00. Moved, seconded and approved.

While this has been a rough winter so far, there are so many who live around the lake who have shown great kindness in helping to clear the roads from the ice storm damage. Coleman’s have found that having a small inexpensive electric chainsaw in all their vehicles helps when these storms arise. Something to keep in mind when at the store

Cynthia requested that we populate spreadsheets for potential new members mailings by March 2025 Board Meeting. Cynthia will resend the spreadsheets and Board members are to populate using open source (like GIS) information of owners who have Leesville Lake property, and we will compare against our current membership list. Edwin will write a program to do this. The information will be used to recruit new members. We have approximately 30 who did not renew from last year, and Cynthia will send out forms to members who have not renewed over the past two years.

h.      Navigation – Glenn Coleman

i.   Hazard Markers Update – Glenn noted that we should survey all the hazard and buoy markers when the weather is warmer.

ii.   TLAC Shoreline Mapping Update – Glenn needs to compare against what TLAC currently has.

iii.  Runaway Bay Buoy Status – Buoy was located and is currently hauled onto the Kiraly’s dock. It needs a new anchoring system which will take place when the weather is warmer.

1. Property – Glenn Coleman – all boat repairs were completed, and Joe Humphrey has Joe has returned the pontoon boat to the parking area at the LVL Marina.

j.        Water Safety & Education – Jeff Markiewicz – Jeff is working on having the Youth fishing day again this year, but before it gets too hot. We did get local news coverage last year.

Vessel Safety Checks

The 2025 Safety Check season will start in late April or May after the Safety Examiners complete training on rules changes for 2025. I will continue to be available to perform vessel safety checks by request starting in late April or May looking to have more opportunity to perform checks on Leesville Lake in the 2025 season. Currently planning to have Vessel Safety Checks at the Leesville Lake Marina and Grill on May 17th and at the July Picnic/Membership appreciation day (Jul 12th??). I will be approaching Tri County Marina for a potential Date for checks as well. The safety checks take about 15-30 minutes/boat and the sticker is good for the remainder of the calendar year.

Electrical Dock Safety

Mr. John Broughton the Franklin County Building Official involved in the Development of the latest Electrical Dock Safety best practices will be coming to speak at the April General Membership meeting.

Boater Safety Classes – The Boater Safety in person class season is starting soon, below are the upcoming classes available on the DWR registration site. The LVL Association continues to leverage training provided from VA Dept of Wildlife Resources, US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Local US Power Squadron (now known as America’s Boating Club). Jeff Encourages all LVL members to take advantage of these courses, some of which are free of charge.

* 1. Continue to refer to VA DWR
     1. Upcoming Classes (from DWR website, link is on LLA Website on Water Safety Committee, and under resources, Boating Safety)
        1. Sat Mar 15, Apr 26, May 10, Jun 14 and Jul 26, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 13586 Old Moneta Rd, Moneta, VA 24121, $40 fee dur at class, Randy Stow contact 540-588-0270
        2. Sat Apr 19 8:30 AM-5:30 PM Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, VA, free Course, Trevor Ruble contact trevor.ruble@dwr.virginia.gov
        3. Tue Apr 22 and 29, Thurs Apr 24 and May 1 6:00-8:30 PM Virtual Class must have own device/computer, free Course, Trevor Ruble contact trevor.ruble@dwr.virginia.gov
        4. Online Courses
           1. Virginia Boating Safety <http://www.boat-ed.com/virginia/>
           2. America’s Boating Course <http://www.americasboatingcourse.com/>

k.       Water Quality – Charlie Hamilton

Current Leesville Lake water Quality is good.

LLA 2024 Annual WQ Report should be complete by 28 Feb 2025. $8971.75 will be expensed at that time.

APCo has provided $39,095.00 in funding for LLA 2025 WQ activities. The MOA between University of Lynchburg and LLA was signed on 2/10/2025.

Pigg River Water Monitoring Plan for 2025 was submitted to TLAC for review on December 10, 2024. Results pending.

Appalachian Power Company VDEQ Virginia Water Protection Individual Permit No 09-0572 (Permit) (which expires on March 31, 2025) renewal request is under review by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and associated Agencies. It can be found in the Permitting Enhancement and Evaluation Platform (PEEPS) system under PEEPS Request # 24-1547. https://portal.deq.virginia.gov/peep-search Agency coordination ended on September 23rd. The project was then submitted for internal modeling, which could take up to 45 days. Once modeling is received, the draft permit will be finalized, which could take potentially another 45 days. After the draft is finalized, it will be sent to the applicant for review. Draft negotiations can take an indeterminate amount of time. Once the applicant has accepted the draft, it will be out for public notice (likely late February 2025). LLA will participate in the Public Comment opportunity. Current PEEPS website suggests a revised target decision date of 4/22/2025.

Balico Project

Charlie attended a Town of Hurt hosted session on the Balico Project (proposed data center in Chatham) on Wednesday 18 December.  The session generated both positive and negative reactions from the Hurt Community, and various organizations in Pittsylvania County.  Water usage was a particular interest. Extraction of 2 million gallons of water per day from the takeout point in Hurt (below Leesville Dam) is the cooling source for the proposed data center.  We queried the Mayor of Hurt and his Hydro advisor.  They report that Hurt has had for several decades a permit to withdraw up to 14 million gallons of water per day (supporting the now defunct Burlington and Lane industries) from the Staunton River (below Leesville Dam).

Charlie followed up with AEP the next day, and you should read the exchange with them from the bottom up.

However, the SML Hydro Project, as permitted and licensed by FERC and Va DEQ, will not be affected by downstream water removals.

5.      Vice President Updates - Chip Zimmerman – no reports

6.      AEP:

a.      Technical Review Committee Update(s) – next meeting is 4/9/2025

7.      TLAC Updates – *Roy Kelley*

a.      Last meeting was February 11, 2025, but was cancelled.

      Roy will present the Pigg River water monitoring plan in April

8.      Old Business - none

9.      New Business – it was noted that we have had hunters on the lake, firing their guns from their boats. Roy noted that he had encountered one boat with two hunters and Debra noted that a Runaway Bay resident filed a complaint with DWR regarding hunters shooting from a boat toward land.

10.  Confirmation of next meetings –

a.      Board of Directors Meeting, March 13, 2025, 6:30 PM, Altavista Presbyterian Church

b.      General Membership Meeting, April 12, 10:30 AM, Altavista Train Station. Roy will provide snacks; Cynthia will provide snacks that are alpha-gal friendly.

c.       Guest Speaker for General Membership meeting will be John Broughton (Franklin County Building Official (CBO)) - Electrical Safety on Docks

Cynthia noted a large migration of birds over the lake and inquired if that would be a good general meeting presentation, but it was felt this would be a better newsletter topic.

Adjourn – 6:17 pm