**Leesville Lake Association, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Meeting – September 12, 2024**

**Location: Altavista Presbyterian Church – 6:30pm**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order: 6:32 pm - Present- Roy Kelley, Dannie Smith, Pam McMilliam, Edwin Hanson, Chip Zimmerman, Charlie Hamilton, Dave Waterman, Mary Loiselle, Terri Thomas, Cynthia Coleman, Glenn Coleman. Absent – Jeff Markiewicz – By phone – Debra Kiraly
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
   1. August 27, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – were reviewed by all Board members, moved and seconded to approve. All approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report: Edwin Hanson – Review of August Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s Report: Membership renewals were our primary activity for August. We had 86 renewals, 2 new members and sold 12 calendars. We saw income of $3,769.63 and expenses of $768.71. Items to note on the Income side are: 86 renewal memberships; 2 new memberships; 12 calendars and a beautification day sponsorship from Piedmont. Items to note on the expense side are: Rent for the train station (which includes a $150 deposit that we should get back) and several safety items that were replaced on the pontoon boat.

Looking at the Budget: Year to Date report, we exceeded our expected income by just over $3,000.00 and we spent about $1,000.00 less than budgeted. We ended the fiscal year with $9,148.61 net gain.

Returned Check: One membership renewal payment of $25.00 was returned unpaid. The bank did not charge any fees for the returned check. The reason code was, “Unable to locate the account”. However, it currently appears the real reason was the check was too old as the date entered was 2023. A request has gone out for a replacement check and the member has been removed from the “Paid” list.

We received a rebate on our insurance – as it was adjusted for the number of households versus actual participants. The budget is closed out for last year, and Edwin noted that the IRS may question the fact that we ended the last few years with large net incomes, but this can be explained if we can convey that we are saving for something that will be needed. The IRS wants to see non profits saving money as it shows a stable organization, but continued growth of savings should be with a purpose or goal.

Roy asked if we had budget allocated for repairs to the pontoon boat for 2025 – We do, the engine should be OK for another few years, and Pam McMillian is taking the boat to her dock to begin the work of evaluating what should be removed/updated/reupholstered/salvaged/.

Chip Zimmerman asked how we handle receipts if one was lost as he was just able to recreate the receipt for the PA System from the Volunteer picnic in July which fell in the previous budget year. Edwin accepted the receipt as there are always overlaps between fiscal years, especially with Beautification Day.

Motion to approve and second the August Treasurer’s report was given. All voted in favor of approving the August Treasurer’s report

Committee Reports: Roy Kelley – still looking for additional Board Members, and someone to take over being the chair of Beautification Day.

**Finance (**Standing Committee) –Edwin / Mary – waiting on the taxes, Mary will review some budget items, Edwin will have charts at the general meeting in October so it will be easier for our members to understand the budget.

**Nominating** *(*Standing Committee) – Teri Thomas - is looking for people to be on the Beautification Day committee, as well as a chair. There are new neighbors who may be interested.

2025 Calendar status – as of 9/4/2024 we have all the photos and the layout completed, everything has been taken to Bright Images. Target is 10/1/2024 for completion, and to have them available for the October general meeting.

**Beautification Day** – Roy Kelley - 2025 BD will be June 14th  Still looking for a chair so Roy doesn’t have to be President and BD Chair

**Communications** – David Waterman – noted that reports should get to Dianne Hewett by 9/15/2024 for inclusion in the newsletter. He will also update the website for board member changes.

**Debris –** Pam McMillan

On September 5, 2024, AEP and the Debris Committee performed a combined high flow/monthly survey.

In general, we agreed with AEP’s overall assessment of Leesville.  At that time the lake level was a calm 607 foot and most of the main channel throughout the lake was free of debris.  A significant amount of debris observed was resting on the shorelines sporadically throughout the lower miles but heavier throughout the upper miles.

Neither the contractor nor crew has been above MM 10 since beautification day in June to address this debris or the additional tonnage that came into the lake since the HF event.

Pam continues to relay this fact in committee responses to AEP’s reports and recently questioned the reasoning for this lack of attention in removing these obvious safety hazards.

She also questioned them on the status of the skimmer and their intentions of future use.  She also asked for an update on any progress on the application approval process concerning the debris capture device at the Pigg River junction.  As of this date, AEP has not yet responded.

For the month of August:

AEP Crew worked 13 days

Contractor worked 0 days

TLAC submitted 13 debris reports

AEP proposed plans for the remainder of September are to have the crew work 1-2 days a week and contractor when needed or available. Pam reminded us to let her know if we see the barge out working.

**Membership** – Cynthia Coleman – Cynthia has gone through all the membership records. We currently have 213 households. There are still some who have not paid for this year, and Cynthia will send out a list for the Board members to review – to see if they know if the households have moved/sold/passed away, etc. Cynthia did research via the county GIS system to find out who is living on the lake. She will send out reminders about payments also. Cynthia proposed writing an article for the newsletter that would advertise for new members and Board members. All noted that any advertising should be specific to LVL.

**Navigation –** Glenn Coleman – nothing to report currently.

**Property** – Glenn Coleman – Pam McMillian will be looking at the pontoon boat and apprise all Board members of what needs to be done. No update yet, as Pam will begin that sometime next week.

**Water Safety & Education** – Jeff Markiewicz

The Vessel Safety Check 2024 season is winding down as Safety Check Stickers are for calendar year 2024. The 2025 Safety Check season will start up in April after the Safety Examiners complete training on rules changes for 2025. I will continue to be available to perform vessel safety checks by request at least into December and looking to have more opportunity to perform checks on Leesville Lake in the 2025 season.

**2024 Boater Safety Classes** – The Boater Safety in person class season is ending soon, however there are still online classes that will be available throughout the off season. 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. Tue Sept. 24 and Oct 1, Thurs Sept 26 and Oct 3 6:00-8:00 PM Virtual Class must have own device/computer, free Course, Trevor Ruble contact trevor.ruble@dwr.virginia.gov
        2. Online Courses
           1. Virginia Boating Safety <http://www.boat-ed.com/virginia/>
           2. America’s Boating Course <http://www.americasboatingcourse.com/>

**Dock Electrical Safety** – Franklin, Bedford and Pittsylvania are currently working in a collaboration with private sector electrical contractors to provide uniformity with inspections for residential docks, with a goal to ensure safe, code compliant installations. I will continue to monitor these efforts, and I am working to line up a speaker to discuss the results of these efforts at the January General Membership meeting.

**Water Quality** – Charlie Hamilton -In addition to University of Lynchburg and LLA WQ samplings, water quality monitoring data was collected at Smith Mountain dam from July 1 to July 31, 2024. Results show data from Instantaneous DO values ranged from 4.2 mg/L to 7.5 mg/L, with an average of 5.6 mg/L. Daily average DO values ranged from 4.8 mg/L to 6.4 mg/L, with a median of 5.7 mg/L. Recorded instantaneous DO concentrations met the Virginia water quality instantaneous standard of 4.0 mg/L for the entire month and met the daily average standard of 5.0 mg/L 28 days in July.  Bottom line:  Leesville Lake water quality is good.

1. **July Picnic feedback/lessons learned** - Chip Zimmerman – noted there was not a current report, but he felt that picnic went well, no specific feedback (other than alpha-gal friendly options) for next year. We are not allowed to bring in outside food due to the Health Department regulations. The deadline for ordering is 2 weeks ahead, with some flexibility – given that you must order for a minimum number of people. Chip recommended that we look at past years and come up with an average, and extrapolate from that, plus conduct advertising of the picnic. A recommendation was made to set the number of meals at 125 and donate any excess to Valor Farm.

**AEP:** Technical Review Committeehas one document out for updates.

1. **TLAC Updates** – Roy Kelley – no current report.
2. **Old Business** – nothing current
3. **New Business** – Campbell County is building a new animal shelter and asking for donations. Campbell County has donated a portion of the funds, but the majority is privately funded - Should we donate? Discussion ensued and it was felt that since it wasn’t directly tied to LVL Lake, we will not donate at this time.

Discussion was held regarding donating to the fire departments that service LVL Lake.  We need to research which fire departments service LVL Lake before we make a decision on this as it was pointed out that if we give to one, we should give to all. Cynthia and Edwin both offered to research, but the board decided not to pursue this at this time.

This developed into a discussion of whether or not the association has ever donated to other organizations or causes.  It was noted that donations in the past have been connected to members.  Such as, donating to cancer research, in memory of a past member.  It was also noted that we donated $200 worth of supplies to the youth fishing day last year.

Discussion was held regarding whether to have a LVL Lake flag, as this was proposed to the Board. Upon further research, it appears the individual who would like this to occur is in the business of designing and selling flags, so no further action was taken.

1. Confirmation of next meeting – General Membership Meeting, October 12, 10:30 AM, Altavista Train Station, Wake Education speakers will attend with a short program. Pam and Teri volunteered to get any food and other items needed. We plan to have the chili cook-off in January, along with a speaker on dock electrical safety. Roy will coordinate the January meeting; Debra will coordinate the April meeting.
2. Adjourn – 7:54 pm