

**MARCH 20, 2014**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP**  
**LAKE HARDING LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

A MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF LAKE HARDING LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, INC. WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014, AT 7:00 PM AT THE GEORGIA POWER COMPANY LAND OFFICE WAREHOUSE.

PAST PRESIDENT, TOMMY MCKENZIE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE CURRENT PRESIDENT, MELANIE HUMPHREYS WAS OUT OF TOWN AS WAS THE INCOMING PRESIDENT, ELAINE SMITH.

PRIOR TO THE BUSINESS MEETING, GEORGIA POWER'S LAND DEPARTMENT PROVIDED A WONDERFUL MEAL FOR THE MEMBERSHIP COOKED BY BOB ORNOSKI, OWNER OF PIESANO'S AT THE BACKWATER PLAZA. MR. MCKENZIE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE LAND DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP FOR PROVIDING A MEETING LOCATION AND MEAL FOR THE GROUP. HE THEN ASKED FOR ALL THOSE INTERESTED TO PLEASE STAND AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

DAWSON INGRAM WELCOMED EVERYONE AND THEN STARTED THE MEETING BY ASKING WAYNE HARDING TO REVIEW SOME OF THE BASIC SAFETY INFORMATION. WAYNE POINTED OUT ALL THE EXITS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. HE INFORMED US IF WE WERE TO HAVE A FIRE START WHILE IN THE GP WAREHOUSE BUILDING TONIGHT HE WILL CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SINCE WITH US BEING ON THE STATE LINE YOU NEVER KNOW IF YOU WILL GET ALABAMA OR GEORGIA. HE HAS HIS PHONE PRE-PROGRAMMED FOR HARRIS COUNTY.

DAWSON THEN INTRODUCED ROBIN GIBSON, SARA JENKINS, BILL GLISSON, RICKY STEARNS, MIKE BARNETT, RICHARD WILLIS, TONY DODD, JIM CHANDLER, GEORGE MARTIN AND RHONDA GREEN.

HE ALSO REVIEWED THE NUMBER OF PROPERTY TRANSFERS FOR 2012 VERSUS 2013, STATING THEY HAD DOUBLED FROM 30 TO 60 RESPECTIVELY. HE ALSO NOTED THEY HAD ALREADY HAD 11 TRANSFERS COMPLETED FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 2014.

CPL. JEREMY BOLEN FROM THE GEORGIA DNR SPOKE ABOUT THE NEW LEGISLATION WHICH HAS PASSED. THE LEGAL LIMIT FOR BUI DROPPED FROM .10 TO .08. ALSO, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014 ANYONE BORN JULY 1, 1998 OR AFTER MUST TAKE A GEORGIA BOATER'S TEST. LIFE JACKETS MUST BE WORN BY ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 13.

AT THIS POINT, TOMMY MCKENZIE RETURNED TO THE FLOOR. HE STATED EVERYONE HAD BEEN EMAILED A COPY OF LAST YEAR'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES. HE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES. STEVE MCCALL MADE A MOTION THEY BE APPROVED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND APPROVED.

TREASURER, MARY LYNN WEBB HAD PASSED OUT A REPORT SHOWING A BEGINNING BALANCE OF \$11,416.34 WITH INCOME OF \$20,027.35 AND EXPENSES OF \$21,356.76 WITH AN ENDING BALANCE OF \$20,086.93 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013. TOMMY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. ONE WAS GIVEN, SECONDED AND APPROVED.

TOMMY MENTIONED MELANIE HUMPHREYS AND MARY LYNN WEBB WERE STEPPING DOWN AS PRESIDENT AND TREASURER AND ELAINE SMITH AND CATHY HILLEY WERE BEING NOMINATED TO TAKE THEIR RESPECTIVE PLACES.

TOMMY PRESENTED THE NOMINEES FOR BOARD MEMBERS COMMENCING FOR THE YEAR 2014:

**ALABAMA**

**CONNIE STINSON**

**DON NEAL**

**DAVE JACOB**

**JIM DUNCAN**

**ELAINE SMITH**

**GEORGIA**

**CATHY HILLEY**

**TODD WODD**

**DAVID HAWKINS**

**SUSAN TOMPKINS**

**TOMMY MCKENZIE**

**TOMMY THEN PRESENTED THE SLATE OF OFFICERS TO SERVE FOR 2014:**

**ELAINE SMITH, PRESIDENT**

**SUSAN TOMPKINS, SECRETARY**

**CATHY HILLEY, TREASURER**

**A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THAT THE SLATE OF NOMINEES PROPOSED BY THE BOARD BE ACCEPTED.**

**TOMMY THEN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY OLD BUSINESS AND THERE BEING NONE, HE PROCEEDED WITH THE MEETING BY INTRODUCING SHERIFF JAY JONES AND CAPT. VAN JACKSON FROM THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.**

**SHERIFF JONES MENTIONED HOW HE HAS BEEN SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY FOR FOUR TERMS AND WAS COMING UP FOR RE-ELECTION. HE SPOKE ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS WHICH HIS OFFICE HAS IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE YEARS AS A MEANS OF FIGHTING CRIME AND TO KEEP UP WITH CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. THEY HAVE A NEW INTER-ACTIVE WEB SITE: LEECOUNTYSHERIFF.ORG AND WITH A SMART PHONE YOU CAN SEARCH FOR CRIME REPORTS, ROAD CLOSURES, ETC. THEY ALSO MONITOR SOCIAL MEDIA LIKE TWITTER AND FACEBOOK. HE STATED THEY CURRENTLY HAVE 71 DEPUTIES FOR LEE COUNTY AND 40 UNIFORMED PATROLMEN TO SERVICE 60,000 RESIDENTS OF THE 148,000 RESIDENTS MAKING UP THE LEE COUNTY POPULATION. AT ANY GIVEN TIME THEY HAVE 6 – 9 UNITS ON THE ROAD NEAR THE BACKWATERS.**

**IN THE LAST 45 DAYS THEY HAVE HAD 450 ALARM CALLS WITH AN ACTUAL EVENT OR CRIME BEING IN 1 OUT OF 100. THE LEE COUNTY AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME ON CALLS IS 12 MINUTES. A LOT OF THESE CALLS OUT FOR HOME ALARMS GOING OFF ARE CAUSED FROM PETS MOVING ABOUT IN THE HOUSE; CURTAINS NEAR AIR VENTS MOVING OR HOME OWNERS EXITING THE HOUSE WITH THE WRONG PROCEDURE.**

**AS FAR AS GETTING CRIMINALS OFF THE STREETS AND KEEPING THEM OFF, WE NEED MORE CONVICTIONS WITH LONGER SENTENCES.**

**HE STATED THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE THAT MANY PROBLEMS COMING FROM THE WATER SIDE OF PEOPLE'S PROPERTY AND HE NOTED THE HIGH NUMBERS OF CRIMES WHICH ARE DRUG RELATED. HE SAID THERE IS A HUGE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DRUGS AND THEFTS AND BURGLARIES. HE NOTED THAT RIGHT NOW THEY HAVE 400 PEOPLE LOCKED UP IN LEE COUNTY AND 80% ARE IN THERE FOR SOME SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRIME. MANY BREAK IN HOMES TO STEAL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS. THEY HAVE HAD MEN KNOCKING ON DOORS AND THEN RUSHING IN TO ASSAULT AND RAPE WOMEN IN THE LAST YEAR WITH THE MOST RECENT OCCURRING IN JANUARY 2014. DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR TO SOMEONE YOU DO NOT KNOW. HE NOTED THEY HAVE A STAND YOUR GROUND LAW IN ALABAMA AND IF YOU ARE IN FEAR OF YOUR LIFE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHOOT – BUT NOT IN THE BACK. HE SAID IT IS, "BETTER TO BE JUDGED BY 12 THAN TOTTED BY 6".**

**VAN JACKSON TOOK THE FLOOR AND ASKED EVERYONE WHAT A BURGLAR LOOKS LIKE, AND NOTED YOU CANNOT TELL BY THE WAY THEY LOOK OR ARE DRESSED. HE SAID THE LAST TWO ARRESTS THEY HAD MADE ON THE LAKE HAD BEEN FOR MEN APPEARING TO JUST BE OUT PADDLING A BOAT. LIVING ON THE LAKE OFFERS THIEVES TWO WAYS TO ENTER YOUR PROPERTY; BY LAND AND BY WATER. BY WATER, THEY CAN COME UP WITH THEIR LIGHTS OFF OR COME WITH THE BOAT**

**MOTOR BEING OFF. IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN A BOAT WHICH IS SITTING LOWER IN THE WATER THEY MAY BE MOVING STOLEN PROPERTY. WATCH FOR STRANGE BOATS IN YOUR AREA. THERE ARE MANY ADDICTS OUT THERE WHO STEAL ANYTHING THEY CAN GET THEIR HANDS ON TO PURCHASE DRUGS. BE WATCHFUL OF STRANGE PEOPLE AND VEHICLES IN YOUR AREA AND DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL 911 FOR HELP. "YOUR STUFF IS MY STUFF. WE CARE."**

**ONE THING WHICH CAUSES DELAYS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONDING IS HOUSES NOT BEING NUMBERED. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE AT NIGHT. AROUND THE LAKE THERE MAY BE ONE MAIN ROAD LEADING TO THE LAKE WITH MULTIPLE JUNCTIONS FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD. YOU NEED TO MARK THESE JUNCTIONS TO SHOW WHICH HOUSES ARE LOCATED IN WHICH DIRECTION. CALL YOUR ALARM COMPANY AND VERIFY THEY HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS. SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS HELP WITH SOLVING CRIMES, BUT YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY TAKE CLEAR PICTURES. BE SURE YOU HAVE RECORDS OF THE SERIAL NUMBERS ON ALL OF YOUR VALUABLES AND PICTURES. IF PROPERTY CAN BE ID AT THE SCENE, LEE COUNTY WILL TAKE THEM TO JAIL RIGHT THEN. MAKE SURE YOUR HOME LOOKS LIVED IN AND THAT SOMEONE IS HOME. CAPT. JACKSON THEN TURNED THE FLOOR OVER TO SHERIFF MIKE JOLLEY.**

**SHERIFF JOLLEY NOTED THERE ARE 35,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN HARRIS COUNTY WITH 95% LIVING IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THEY HAVE ONE LIEUTENANT WORKING AT ALL TIMES. WHEN SOMEONE KNOCKS ON YOUR DOOR, YOU SHOULD RESPOND WITHOUT OPENING. IF YOU DON'T RESPOND, THEY WILL THINK NO ONE IS THERE AND ATTEMPT TO KICK IN YOUR DOOR. BE SURE YOU KEEP A LIST OF THE SERIAL NUMBERS FOR YOUR GUNS, TELEVISIONS AND OTHER VALUABLES IN A SAFE PLACE. TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR PROPERTY. IF ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES CATCHES SOMEONE BREAKING IN A HOUSE THEY ARE TREATED TO A FREE STEAK DINNER FOR TWO. THEY PAY FOR THESE DINNERS WITH SEIZED DRUG MONEY. IN 2013, THEY HAD 54 BURGLARIES BUT THEY CONSIDER ONE TO BE TOO MANY. HARRIS COUNTY IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE SAFEST COUNTY IN GEORGIA. HE NOTED HOW HARRIS COUNTY HAS CAMERAS ON EVERYONE IN THEIR JAIL AND HE CAN CONNECT TO THEIR WEB SITE AND WATCH WHAT EVERYONE IS DOING AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THEY DO LOOK FOR OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES IN THE AREA BUT CANNOT PULL OVER WITHOUT PROBABLE CAUSE. HOWEVER, A CRACKED WINDSHIELD, A TAG OUT OF PLACE, A BROKEN LIGHT, ETC., GIVES THEM PROBABLE CAUSE. 80% OF THE TICKETS THEY GIVE ARE JUST WARNING TICKETS. HE STRONGLY URGED EVERYONE TO MAKE THEIR HOME A HARD TARGET. PLACE BEWARE OF DOG SIGNS IN THE YARD AND PUT OUT LARGE DOG BOWLS NEAR THE DOORS. PEOPLE BECOME AWARE OF DOGS THEY CANNOT SEE AND OFTEN DO NOT WANT TO TAKE A CHANCE ON ENCOUNTERING ONE WHILE TRYING TO BREAK IN A HOME. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING UNUSUAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTING PEOPLE – "CALL IT IN. WE WOULD RATHER COME OUT AND FIND OUT IT IS NOTHING THAN YOU NOT CALL AND IT ENDS UP BEING SOMETHING. PLEASE CALL IT IN."**

**TOMMY THEN INTRODUCED TIM SIMPSON OF BARRETT-SIMPSON IN PHENIX CITY WHO IS A LICENSED ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR. HE STATED HE HAD BEEN GONE TO AFGHANISTAN FOR 2 1/2 YEARS WORKING IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT. HE SAID IF WE ARE PAYING FOR FLOOD INSURANCE ON OUR PROPERTY THAT MOST LIKELY HE OR ONE OF HIS PIERS LIKE ANTHONY SLAUGHTER WHO WORKS FOR MOON & MEEKS CAN COMPLETE A FIRM SURVEY AND SUBMIT A LETTER OF MAP AMENDMENT (LOMA) TO FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND GET YOU RELIEVED OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR FLOOD INSURANCE. HE STATED THAT LEE COUNTY NOW REQUIRES PERCOLATION TESTS WHEN HOME ADDITIONS ARE BEING MADE.**

**TIM THEN TURNED THE FLOOR OVER TO ROGER MARTIN WITH THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERWARDEN. ROGER MENTIONED THAT AFTER 4 1/2 YEARS OF DON NEAL AND HE WORKING ON THE FERC RE-LICENSING IT SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.**

**HE MENTIONED HOW KEVIN HARCOURT HAD RECENTLY ORGANIZED A SUCCESSFUL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP ON THE GEORGIA SIDE. HE REMINDED EVERYONE ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED WITH GEORGIA'S LAKES ALIVE AND ALABAMA'S RENEW OUR RIVERS PROGRAMS FOR ANYONE WANTING TO CHECK INTO A LAKE CLEAN-UP IN YOUR AREA.**

**CHIEF RICHARD MCKINNEY OF THE ANTIOCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (AVFD) STARTED OFF BY SHARING HOW JUST A FEW YEARS AGO THEY HAD STARTED OFF AS A SMALL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH A FEW VOLUNTEERS AND HOW THEY HAD GROWN CONSIDERABLY FROM ALL THE DONATED TIME AND SKILL SETS OF THEIR VOLUNTEERS. THEY NOW HAVE MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, PEOPLE TRAINED IN RESCUE WITH SIX FULLY OPERATING STATIONS, EIGHT FULL-SIZE TRUCKS, A 4,000 GALLON WATER TRUCK AND A TRUCK WITH A 100' LADDER. HOWEVER, TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY THEY ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS. HE ALSO REMINDED EVERYONE OF HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE YOUR HOME AND DRIVE-WAY MARKED WITH NUMBERS WHICH CAN BE EASILY SEEN IN DAY AND NIGHT TIME SITUATIONS. THEY HAVE A NEW WEB SITE CALLED: SAFESTREET.HOME WHICH YOU CAN CHECK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**THE FOLLOWING DONATION AMOUNTS WERE PROPOSED, APPROVED & SECONDED:**

**\$ 3,000 - ANTIOCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**\$ 3,000 - BEULAH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**\$ 2,000 - RUMBLE ON THE RIVER FIREWORKS**

**\$ 1,000 - CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERWARDEN**

**\$ 1,000 - THE CROSS COMMITTEE**

**JOEL SLOCUMB, REPRESENTED THE CROSS COMMITTEE, AND THANKED EVERYONE FOR THE DONATION THAT HELPS KEEP THIS HISTORICAL LANDMARK GOING.**

**DAVID HAWKINS SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED FOR FORMING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCHES AND GETTING VOLUNTEERS FOR STREET CAPTAINS AND ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO CONTACT HIM.**

**TOMMY MCKENZIE THANKED THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES FOR THEIR GRACIOUS DONATIONS OF DOOR PRIZES: LILY HILL FARMS & KENNEL OF FORTSON; TOMAR NURSERY OF COLUMBUS; LULU'S LUNCHBOX OF COLUMBUS AND CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER TRADING COMPANY OF 'EVERYWHERE'.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE SAME WAS ADJOURNED.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**SUSAN TOMPKINS, SECRETARY**