

Lake Harding Leaseholders Association, Inc.
Annual Members Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2017

President Ron Durham called to order the annual meeting of the Lake Harding Leaseholders Association at 6:40 p.m. on March 23, 2017, at the Georgia Power Land Management facility.

After welcoming the attendees, President Durham introduced Dawson Ingram, Manager of the Georgia Power Bartlett's Ferry Land Management Office. Dawson called upon Andrew Dudley to give everyone a brief safety briefing of the facility. Following the briefing, Dawson thanked Steve Kennedy and the staff of Overbored Restaurant for the delicious meal and outstanding service they provided. He then introduced other Georgia Power employees who were in attendance.

Dawson then gave the following updates to the membership.

1. 2016 Drawdown: Georgia Power worked diligently with the Corps of Engineers that manages West Point Lake to coordinate the drawdown of Lake Harding. The Corps retains water in West Point Lake during the drawdown of Lake Harding, and ordinarily there is enough water to refill Lake Harding at the conclusion of the drawdown. Everything was on track statistically for the drawdown. There were no indications of the impending drought conditions. When it was time to refill Lake Harding, West Point Lake was below sufficient levels to release any water to us. Thus, the water remained down until our are received enough raise the water levels to refill Lake Harding. Dawson reminded the membership that the drawdown is done for the residents of Lake Harding; there is no other reason for Georgia Power to drop the water level. The next drawdown is scheduled for 2019.
2. Capital Improvements: Georgia Power has been busy making significant improvements around the lake.
 - a. Long Bridge – The parking lot at the boat ramp has been improved and new grass has been planted.
 - b. Valley Park – This has been one of the largest projects. The park has been closed for significant improvements. The parking lot has been paved, new lighting has been installed, and bathroom facilities have been built. This has been a problem area in recent years and the hope is that these improvements will attract visitors and deter inappropriate behavior. The park will be open 24 hours. Georgia Power does not have the manpower nor funding to open/close the park.
 - c. Idle Hour – The parking area has been paved and a new fishing pier has been installed.

- d. Fish Attractors – Fish attractors have been placed in various locations around the lake. If members would like more information on those, they are asked to contact Georgia Power.

Dawson then introduced Warren Wagner to give an update on the hydrilla. Georgia Power is still working closely with Dr. Michael Netherland of the University of Florida Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants. Dr. Netherland is a highly regarded expert in the study of the growth cycle, management, treatment, etc. of hydrilla. It has been extremely beneficial to have him working with Georgia Power in the management efforts.

The treatments that have been applied are reducing the reproductive cycles of the tubers. You can check the website to see the areas that have been treated. The best time to apply the herbicide is in June and July and more treatments are schedule. Individual owners are encourages to have the shoreline of their property treated. One member expressed concern about the “drifting” of the treatments from one property to another. It was explained that the treatments do not drift; it stays in the area where it is applied. There is no cause for concern regarding the drinking water nor using the water for recreational purposes.

A member asked whether or not the drawdown and drought had any effects on the hydrilla. Warren confirmed that the drawdown did, in a way, mimic a treatment.

The program was then turned back over to President Ron Durham who introduced the current Board of Directors. He called upon Joel Donovan to provide the members an update from the Media Committee. At the conclusion of last year’s meeting, a member suggested that we erect signage on the main highways leading to the Alabama side and the Georgia side to welcome people to the Lake Harding community. The committee has obtained permission to erect a sign at the Long Bridge in Alabama, and Neil Block has granted permission to erect a sign at the corner of Highway 219 and Lick Skillet Road in Georgia. Joel is working with a sign company to complete the project and solicited ideas for what should be on the signs.

President Ron Durham thanked Joel, Richard Young, and the rest of the Media Committee for their hard work getting the new directories published. He gave a special thanks to Steve McCall for the cover photograph.

President Durham introduced Janeen Tucker, Chairman of the Nomination Committee. Janeen introduced Jamie Taylor, a Georgia resident of Lake Harding, and nominated him to fill the vacant position on the Board. Monica Young moved that we accept the nomination. The move was seconded and the motion carried.

President Durham presented the minutes of the 2016 annual meeting. Ron Lingenfelter moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. The move was seconded and the motion carried.

Richard Young presented the Treasurers Report. The Board recommends that the following donations be made by the Association.

1. \$1,000 to the Friends of the Cross
2. \$1,000 to the Chattahoochee River Warden

3. \$5,000 to the Beulah Fire District

4. \$5,000 to the Antioch Volunteer Fire Department

Neil Block made a motion that the donations be made as presented. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

President Durham introduced Board member, David Hawkins, Chairman of the Georgia Power Committee. David reported to the membership that the committee has had several meetings with Georgia Power over the past year. Two of the topics are the pass-through tax and the lease agreement; those conversations continue. The hope is for the Association to form an Architectural Committee that will work with Georgia Power on building/modification requests. Also, the Association is working with Georgia Power to sponsor a Boating Safety Course in May.

A question was raised by an Association member regarding the large sum of money in the bank. Why is the money being held? It was suggested that the Association contribute, again, to the fireworks, but President Durham stated that the fireworks fund is already well-funded. He asked for recommendations of things for the Board to research. The board will look into the following: revisiting contribution to Rumble on the River; signs at the public boat ramps reminding visitors of the 100' rule; partnership with GA Power for lighting at Long Bridge; purchase an advertisement for the Association during the broadcast for Rumble on the River.

Recipients of 2016 donations were present to thank the association. Joel Slocumb with Friends of the Cross was unable to attend, but President Durham thanked him for his work.

President Durham introduced Henry Jackson, the new Executive Director for the Chattahoochee River Warden. Mr. Jackson reported that Roger Martin, the prior Executive Director, has retired, but will be mentoring him for one year. He thanked the association for the donation and membership renewal. The funds from the association will be used as a grant only for projects on Lake Harding. They will have a boat on Lake Harding at least once a month to monitor water quality and assisting in scanning for hydrilla. He stated he would be available after the meeting for specific questions.

President Durham introduced Chief Keith Padgett from the Beulah Fire District. Chief Padgett first thanked the association for the contribution to the department. He introduced his son who was there to demonstrate the thermal imaging cameras that fit on the firemen's breathing apparatus. The department was able to purchase three of the cameras with the association's 2016 donation. The department is partnering with the Red Cross in their Home Fire Campaign. As part of that effort, they will install smoke detectors in homes located in their district at no cost. Homeowners should contact them and set up a time for them to come do the installation. Chief Padgett reminded everyone that the district now has an ISO rating of 4/10.

President Durham introduced Chief Richard McKinney of Antioch Volunteer Fire Department. Chief McKinney thanked the association for the 2016 donation. The money was used to purchase personal protective gear for the volunteers. He announced that the department has a new water tanker and ladder truck. A member asked if the county was still putting posts on top of water hydrants in the district. Chief McKinney confirmed that the water department is doing that on the larger public

roads so that the hydrants are easily located. They are no longer allowed to use the blue markers on the public roads per the Department of Transportation, but those markers may still be used on private roads to indicate the presence of a hydrant. Chief McKinney was then asked if Antioch has a fire boat. He replied that they do not; they had one in the past and it was a financial drain on the department. Beulah does have a fire boat and if Antioch needed assistance, they could contact 911 and ask that it be dispatched. Lastly, Chief McKinney told the membership that the subscription letters have been mailed. The response, to date, has been average.

President Durham recognized Mitch with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Mitch stated that there was no new major legislation of which to inform the members. President Durham reminded the members that there has been a significant decrease in funding in Alabama. There will be no regular patrol on the Alabama water. Members were encouraged to contact their legislators to try to get regular patrol. The Board will contact the legislators on behalf of the Association.

One member commented on how silted Osanippa Creek is since the floods of December 2015. It was very apparent during the 2016 drawdown. His question was whether or not Georgia Power was aware of it and if there was a plan to do anything about it. President Durham and David Hawkins will discuss it Georgia Power.

After reminding everyone that Monica Young had promotional items for sale, President Durham adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Brette Johnson

Minutes approved by: [Name]