

Lake Harding Leaseholders Association, Inc.

Annual Members Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2016

President Ron Durham called the Annual Members Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on March 29, 2106. The meeting was held at the GA Power Land Management facility. He thanked Dawson Ingram and other GA Power employees for hosting the meeting and providing the meal. Ron also recognized those members who passed away during the last year.

President Ron Durham introduced the new manager of Dock's, the restaurant by Long bridge. He spoke briefly about plans for the restaurant and encouraged everyone to come.

President Ron Durham then introduced Dawson Ingram of Georgia Power; Dawson called upon Andrew Dudley to give a safety briefing of the facility. Dawson then recognized other GA Power employees who were in attendance: Rickey Stearns, AL Shoreline Manager; Richard Willis and Mike Barnett, Parks Department; Kyle Kinman and Robin Gibson, Land Office Staff.

Dawson updated the membership on GA Power projects.

1. There is no firm date scheduled for the drawdown, but he expects it to be October 2016.
2. GA Power renewed the 30 year license to operate the dam.
3. Plans are in place to improve the boat ramps/parks at Long Bridge and Idle Hour in the upcoming year, but the largest project will be Valley Park.
4. They have been working diligently to remove the debris from the high water we had in December. The camper has been removed. GA Power is working with the homeowner to remove and try to save the piece of boat house still in the water.
5. He gave a brief overview of the plans to manage the hydrilla and introduced Warren Wagner, an aquatic weeds specialist.

Mr. Wagner stated that they are working with lead researchers to develop/improve management of the hydrilla. They will begin treatments in early June 2016. They are using sonar equipment to collect quicker and more accurate data and mapping the vegetation growth. Mr. Wagner will be available for any questions after the meeting.

Dawson added that grass carp is illegal. They continue to look into treatment options and are hiring experts to assist. All chemicals that are being used are approved by the EPA.

President Durham introduced Mitch Oliver from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. There was no new major legislation of which to inform us. There are

alligators in the lake, and it is illegal to feed or shoot them. DNR is trying to work with Harris County to grant licenses for harvesting.

President Durham introduced Adam Goins from the Alabama Marine Patrol. Mr. Goins confirmed that it is illegal to catch shoal bass in Alabama. Alabama passed a 100 foot rule in 2013; however, there is no enforcement code associated with the violation. They are working on that so that the law may be enforced. He will look into putting signage at launch sites to inform visitors of the law. There will be 4 – 5 officers out on weekends to issue warnings. He also informed the membership that it is admissible to put out 25 foot swim buoys in Alabama. As a side note, it was mentioned that Georgia also has the 100 foot rule and it is enforced. If owners would like to request a buoy near their property, they may contact GA DNR to do so.

President Durham introduced Cassie Renfroe, Executive Director of Chattahoochee River Warden. Cassie announced that Roger Martin has retired from CRW. She informed the membership of the purpose and mission of CRW. She thanked LHA for our support and encouraged everyone to do more. She thanked GA Power for their efforts in managing the Hydrilla, but emphasized that the homeowners must help, also. She has a table set up for those who would like more information about CRW. President Durham offered to buy test kits for anyone interested in being a tester.

President Durham introduced Chief Richard McKinney from the Antioch Volunteer Fire Department. The department needs funding for state of the art equipment for new firefighting techniques. They did not send out subscription letters in 2015, but they did send them out February 2016. The department will be getting a new truck from Harris County this year. Chief McKinney encouraged members to be certain their addresses are clearly marked and that alarm systems/gate code information is current. He invited everyone who is interested to become a volunteer.

President Durham introduced Chief Jacob Geiger from the Beulah Fire District. The department was graded by Insurance Services Office (ISO) in February 2016. It will take a couple of months to receive the rating, but they are shooting for a Protection Class 04 (PC04). The District now has a fire boat. They have added a staffed EMS ambulance. They now have 7 full time firefighters and have opened a second staffed station. They are selling reflective signs to mark addresses and they will install the signs for homeowners. The new 911 technology will send routes by GPS but the signs are helpful in finding particular driveways.

Mr. Houston Black of the Beulah Utilities District was unable to attend the meeting, but Mr. Geiger informed the membership that new pressure reducers and new lines have been installed to improve the water pressure.

Business Meeting

President Durham thanked past board members for their service to the association and current board members were introduced.

Members were provided copies of the minutes from the previous meeting. Ed Cook made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented; Monica Young seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Members were provided copies of the current financial report. Faye Coleman moved that the report be accepted; Ed Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A question was raised regarding the item in the financial report for the boat parade party expenses. There were 19 boats that participated in the parade. Treasurer Richard Young was unable to attend the meeting, but if there are any additional questions about those expenses, members may contact him for further details.

Members were provided a copy of the current bylaws. The bylaws had last been updated in 2001. The bylaws now require financial reviews and audits; General Liability, Crime, and Directors and Officers' Insurance; membership notification by email. A motion was made to accept the revised bylaws; Ed Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New board members were introduced to the membership. The 2016 board nominees are:

Alabama – Jim Duncan; Bubba Roberts; Joel Donovan; Richard Young, Treasurer; Ron Durham, President

Georgia – David Hawkins; Todd Wood; Brette Johnson, Secretary; Greg Gantt; Janeen Tucker

Monica Young made a motion to approve the board; the motion was seconded. Motion carried.

President Ron Durham reported on the plans for the 2016 Rumble on the River. President Durham and Treasurer Richard Young are overseeing the project. The date is set for July 3, 2016 at 9:30 pm; the contingency date is the following Saturday and will depend the availability of the dam. A question was raised regarding the funding for the fireworks. All funding is strictly donations, but the LHA is overseeing that account. The monies are help separately.

President Durham introduced Joel Donovan, chair of the Media Committee. A membership directory will be published in 2016. He encouraged everyone to be sure their contact information is current with the LHA. Prior advertisers will be contacted; new advertisers are needed. Advertisers' information will be made available on the LHA website.

The Association will no longer be sending out community emails. Only official notifications will be sent via email. Members are encouraged to join the Lake Harding Facebook page for information. Joel reported that there were 19 boats in the 2015 boat parade and there will be a 2016 parade. Everyone is encouraged to participate and there will be a party held afterwards.

We currently have 585 members, but we need more. Everyone was encouraged to invite neighbors to join.

Monica Young presented door prizes to winners.

Adjournment

With no further business, President Ron Durham adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Brette Johnson

Minutes approved by: [Name]