

March 05, 2009

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 5, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Georgia Power Company Land Office Warehouse.

President, Tommy McKenzie called the meeting to order.

Prior to the business meeting, Georgia Power's Land Department provided a delicious cookout for the membership. President, Tommy McKenzie, expressed appreciation to the Land Department on behalf of the membership for providing a meeting location and the cookout for the group.

Keith Hill, who is new to the team and has replaced Herbie Johnson, was introduced. He introduced Robin Gibson and the members of the Land Department cooking team. Matters were discussed regarding the 2009 revised licensing which expires in 2014, river fluctuations from West Point releases, and annual gate testing being delayed for water conservation. Arnold Lindsey, Plant Manager offered help for any Georgia Power questions or issues.

Ronnie Harris of the Alabama DNR was introduced. He has been at his job for 22 years and is planning to retire in a year. Mitch Oliver of the Georgia DNR took many questions regarding GA/AL jurisdiction. He noted that you must be at least 12 years old to drive a boat and 14 years old to drive alone. Three quarters of all accidents are alcohol related. Members questioned Ronnie and Mitch concerning reports of alligators on the lake. They confirmed we do have alligators present since being washed out from up river after the last big flood. There are two living on Halawaka Creek and one in Blanton Creek. They are protected animals and should not be shot at or fed. If they get aggressive you should call the local DNR or Macon office for assistance.

The Minutes of the Annual Membership meeting held March 1, 2008, were read and approved.

Treasurer, Patsy McKenzie made available a financial report which showed a balance of \$ 6,730.41, as of December 31, 2008. The largest expense was for the Directories. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made and approved.

Outgoing Board Members, Ken Abbott, Lynn Thompson, Patsy McKenzie, and Sue Ellen Lanier, were thanked for their service.

Tommy McKenzie presented the nominees for new Board members commencing for the year 2009:

ALABAMA	GEORGIA
Boyd Giles	Kay McCall
Connie Stinson	Melanie Humphreys
Don Neal	Robert Archer
Jim Duncan	Susan Tompkins
Sharon Williams	Tommy McKenzie

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the slate of nominees proposed by the Board be accepted.

Tommy McKenzie then presented the new slate of officers to serve for 2009:

Tommy McKenzie, President
Susan Tompkins, Secretary
Melanie Humphreys, Treasurer

Under new business, it was announced that flags with the new 'Tree' design are in and available for purchase for \$15.00.

It was also announced that a tentative date for the Association BBQ would be on Thursday September 24, 2009 at Kokomo's.

Jim Duncan is working on a new website for the Association and asked for any ideas. It was suggested the name, address and contact information be included on the website just as in the Directory.

Jay Syfrett discussed the Rumble on the River fireworks display to be held on July 3 this year. Donations to fund the event were needed and should be payable to "Rumble on the River" and given to Patsy McKenzie who is treasurer of Rumble on the River. Jay informed the group we must have 75% of the total amount due by April 30. Patsy McKenzie asked for more participation from the Alabama side in collecting funds. Tommy McKenzie suggested forming a committee to help raise funds. Kay Thompson volunteered to help in forming a committee for this. A suggestion was made to include a page in the Directory to list the contributors to the fireworks.

Joel Slocumb mentioned there are two panels at the bottom of the 'Cross' which have been destroyed. The cost for these repairs is approximately \$1,000. The Cross Committee took in \$1,270 in 2008. It cost about \$70 per month to keep the Cross lit.

A motion was made by Gary Giordano, seconded and unanimously adopted to donate \$500 to the Antioch Volunteer Fire Department, \$500 for the Cross Committee and \$500 for Rumble on the River.

Tommy McKenzie mentioned the importance of being as supportive as possible of our local businesses around the lake.

Discussions were brought up regarding cleaning up the membership listing. Robert Archer suggested charging an Annual Membership Fee of up to \$35 per year. After discussion a motion to charge an annual membership fee, the amount of which is to be determined by the Board of Directors, was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Boyd Giles asked for discussions regarding taking the old railroad trestle down. The owners have been spoken with and there is a prohibitive cost involved.

Charlie Hudson mentioned taking trash bags when going on the lake and picking up anything you see.

A drawdown is scheduled for this October however the drawdown will depend on the water levels and the status of the drought at that time.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Tompkins, Secretary