

Lake Harding Leaseholders Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2019

Call to order

President Ron Durham called the meeting to order of Leaseholders Association Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. on April 10, 2019, at Freeman and Associates in Columbus, GA.

Roll call

The following persons were present: President Ron Durham; Treasurer Richard Young; Secretary Brette Johnson; Board Members David Hawkins, Greg Gantt, and Bill Wadsworth. Guest Scott Peebles and Director Nominees Tom Schroeder and Pam Thomas were also in attendance.

Approval of minutes from last quarterly meeting

Richard Young presented the minutes from the last meeting. Richard Young moved to approve the minutes; David Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Richard Young presented the current financial statement. Bill Wadsworth moved to approve the report; David Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Rumble on the River Report

Richard Young reported that he met with the fireworks company and Georgia Power at the dam. We increased the amount being paid for the show to \$30,000, show the the number of fireworks in the display will increase. Everything is in place for the show. The show will be held on July 3rd, 2019.

Middle Charrahooshee Forest and Watershed Committe

No one was in attendance to provide a full report. We do know that they are waitingon the findings of the study performed by the University of Georgia.

Lake Harding Community Signage Committee

Things are progressing nicely with the signs. David Hawkins reported that he has discussed the project with some builders and suppliers with whom he has a business relationship. Some are willing to donate time and supplies to assist with the project. He has also spoken with some of the local schools and Columbus Technical College to get students involved with hands-on training. The issue is that there are not that many brick masonry students, but he is still working with the schools to try to get some students involved.

Georgia Power Committee

David Hawkins reported that the treatments Georgia Power has done have had a major impact on the hydrilla in the lake. They have found that a lot of it is dormant, and possibly, is dying. There are obviously several other factors, i.e., weather, that most likely contributed to the effect of the treatments, but they are very pleased with the results thus far.

Street Captains Report

Greg Gantt reported that the program was making good progress on the Georgia side of the lake. Neil Block has talked with Greg about having a meeting of all of the street captains at the Antioch Volunteer Fire Department to discuss ideas and coordinate efforts. Greg is also working on getting the captains together to organize a street party to communicate the mission and efforts of the program with all of the neighbors.

Bill Wadwoth composed a recruitment letter that he sent out and had a great response from it. Others are using the letter, as well, and having a good response. Bill met with the Lee County Neighborhood Watch and is sending information out to his street every few weeks to keep everyone active and aware of the program.

Lee County, AL Neighborhood Watch will provide signs at no cost. Harris County, GA charges for the signs. Ron Durham proposed that LHA sponsor the neighborhood signs for the Lake Harding Community. David Hawkins has a resource and will get a price for the signs from them.

New Business

Board of Directors Officer Nominations

Bill Wadsworth and Richard Young recruited Jay Clark from the Alabama side. Brette Johnson and David Hawkins recruited Tom Schroeder and Pam Thomas from the Georgia side. Richard Young read the biographies of the nominees. Richard Young moved that we accept the nominations; David Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion carried. Welcome aboard, new directors!

Membership Recruiting

We have seen a decline in new memberships. A lot of this is attributable to the fact that people are building permanent, full time homes on the lake and are not moving away from the lake. Also, Georgia Power no longer provides the contact information when leases are transferred due to privacy concerns. Georgia Power has agreed to mail out recruitment letters to all of the leaseholders at the expense of LHA. Warren is just waiting on permission from management to do so. Richard Young will continue to push to get that letter mailed out for us. We also need to update the pdf form that is accessible on the website.

Increase in Annual Dues

LHA has not increased the dues in about 20 years. In order to continue supporting local, organizations, funding operating expenses, funding the annual BBQ's, etc., all directors agree that an increase is warranted. After discussion, Ron Durham proposed that we recommend to the membership that the annual dues be increased from \$25 to \$50. David Hawkins moved that we accept the proposal; Brette Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron then proposed that we keep the initial fee to join at \$75. Richard Young moved that we accept the proposal; Bill Wadsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The increase will be presented to the general membership at the annual meeting.

The annual meeting will be held at the GA Power Pavilion on the Alabama side, Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 6:00 pm. The facility is not easily accessible by boat, but the warehouse facility is no longer available for use for the meeting. We need to be thinking of alternatives for the annual General Membership meeting. Tom Schroeder suggested the Columbus Boat Club and that may be a viable option.

Adjournment

With no further business, President Ron Durham adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Brette Johnson

Minutes approved by: [Name]