

Lake Harding Leaseholders Association, Inc.
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2022

Call to order

President Jay Clark welcomed everyone and called the annual meeting of Lake Harding Leaseholders Association to order at 7:25 PM on April 14, 2022, at Bibb City Meal after those in attendance enjoyed dinner and cocktails. This was the first annual meeting since 2019; the Association has been unable to meet due to COVID restrictions/concerns.

Introduction of Guests

1. Chattahoochee River Conservancy (www.chattahoocheeriverconservancy.org)
Jay introduced Natalie Downey, Development Director with the CRC. The mission of the CRC is to protect the Chattahoochee River water shed through education and science. They work to clean up litter in and around the river and do regular sampling and testing of the water. Results of those tests are posted online on their website, Facebook and Instagram.
2. Antioch Volunteer Fire Department (www.antiochvfd.com)
Jay introduced Neil Block of AVFD, the department that serves the Georgia side of Lake Harding. AVFD is not a subsidized department. It is operated wholly by volunteers and relies on donations to operate. It would take \$10,000,000 a year to operate and maintain a department if it was a paid/funded department.
3. Beulah Fire Department (www.beulahfire.com)
Jay introduced Chief Blake Simpkins. Beulah Fire Department is a hybrid career/volunteer fire department that serves the entire Alabama side of Lake Harding. They have five stations that are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.
4. Lee County, AL Sheriff's Office (www.leecountysheriff.org)
Jay introduced the Sheriff of Lee County, Jay Jones. The LCSO is the first responding agency on the Alabama side of Lake Harding. They have a patrol boat that will assist Beulah Fire Department and Antioch Volunteer Fire Department. There is also a Lee County Sheriff's Office app that can be downloaded on your phone; reports can be made through that app. The

department is also on all of the popular social media sites, i.e., Facebook, Instagram, etc.

5. Georgia Department of Natural Resources (www.gadnr.org)

Jay introduced Greg Castelli of the GA DNR. Officer Castelli introduced other members of his team that work/patrol Lake Harding. He thanked the Association for the Chem Lights that were purchased to stock their boats for the upcoming season. DNR provides the Chem Lights for boaters whose navigational lights have failed. DNR recently conducted a boating safety course, sponsored by LHA and 1827 Real Estate; they are going to work with LHA to provide more courses in the future. They are also working on safety projects with Safe Kids Columbus.

6. Safe Kids Columbus (www.safekidscolumbusga.org)

Jay introduced Pam Fair, Executive Director of Safe Kids Columbus. The program is led by Piedmont Columbus Regional. Their mission is to prevent accidental injuries and deaths among children. One of their projects is building and maintaining life jacket stations at all of the boat ramps on Lake Harding. LHA has committed to building two stations. Sea Tow provides life jackets, but donations are accepted. Volunteers are needed to help construct new stations and to maintain the stations. Pam told the membership about an upcoming event where all attendees (17 and under) will receive a free life jacket, provided by Academy Sports.

7. Georgia Power (www.georgiapowerlakes.com)

Jay introduced Dawson Ingram, Lake Resources Manager for Georgia Power. He introduced Jake Saunders, Lake Management Specialist for the GA side of the lake; Ricky Welborn, Lake Management Specialist for the AL side of the lake; and Jessica Stewart, Support Specialist. Their offices are now open, but by appointment only. Leaseholders may now apply for building/alteration permits online by clicking on the Shoreline Management tab. They are in the process of setting up a Leaseholders Portal so that we are able to track accounts, requests, etc. He concluded with announcing that the scheduled drawdown has been cancelled for 2022 due to operational upgrades that are necessary at the Bartlett's Ferry Dam.

Introduction of LHA Board Members

President Jay Clark introduced the current LHA Board Members. They are as follows:

Alabama – President Jay Clark; Treasurer Richard Young; Bill Wadsworth; Janet Davis; Keith Padgett; Chad Morgan

Georgia – Secretary Brette Johnson; Scott Peebles; Janie Griffis. There are two positions open on the Georgia side.

Old Business

Minutes from the April 18, 2019 Annual Meeting were provided to the membership for review. Tom Schroeder moved that we approve the minutes; Jamie Griffis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Young presented the current financial statement to the attendees. Bob Wilkerson moved to approve the financials as presented; Scott Peebles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Boating Safety Courses

The Association is committed to providing Boating Safety Courses on Lake Harding. The first course was conducted by GA DNR at 219 on the Lake on March 5, 2022. Special thanks to Jamie and Terri Griffis and the team at 1827 Real Estate for providing lunch for the participants and to Buddy Wallace of 219 on the Lake.

A second course is pending to take place on May 26, 2022 in Columbus. For more info on that, those interested should email info@gaoutdoorsgeorgia.com.

We want to have a third course in Georgia on the lake, but need to find location, as 219 on the Lake is open for the season.

Chad Morgan is working to get a course scheduled on the Alabama side; location and date are pending.

2. Safe Kids Columbus

Jay Clark emphasized our commitment and partnership with Safe Kids Columbus. He encouraged members to volunteer to assist with construction, to donate life jackets, and to volunteer to help monitor the stations.

3. Event Planning

The contract has been signed for this year's fireworks show off the dam. As always, the show will be on the evening of July 3rd. Always on July 3rd! Rain or clear...July 3rd. More details about making donations for the fireworks show will be emailed to the membership closer to the event.

We plan to resume the Fall Barbecues in September. We will plan two events, one on the Alabama side and one on the Georgia side. The Georgia event will be held at 219 Food and Spirits; Bill Wadsworth is still working on the venue for the Alabama event. The tentative dates of the events are the first or third Thursday of September 2022.

4. Social Media

Keith Padgett announced that we now have our own Facebook page, Lake Harding Association. He encouraged everyone to like and follow the page. Special thanks to Judy Wilkinson for setting up and monitoring the page.

5. Board of Directors

There are two positions on the Board that need to be filled by Georgia residents, but there are three open positions.

Adam Cail volunteered and introduced himself to the attendees.

Meg Clark nominated Jenny Badcock who was unable to attend the meeting, but has expressed a desire to serve on the board.

Adam Cail nominated and introduced Brandon Hayes.

Neil Block volunteered to serve.

Jay called for motion to approve Adam Cail. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carrier.

Jay called for a motion to approve Jenny Badcock. Someone mentioned that since there were three in attendance who had volunteered to serve, we should approve those individuals.

Jay called for a motion to approve Brandon Hayes. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Jay called for a motion to approve Neil Block. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Welcome Adam, Brandon, and Neil and thank you for your willingness to serve the association.

Closing Remarks and Comments

Judy Pennington would like the opportunity to purchase her lot from Georgia Power and asked if others would be interested. Jay Clark asked the representatives from Georgia Power whether or not that could be an option now or in the future. They will address it with Georgia Power management and report back to Mrs. Pennington.

Judy Wilkinson announced that the Easter Bunny will be on Lake Harding on Saturday and Sunday. Her group, Sisters of Lake Harding, are putting that together for the community. That group also put together Dock or Treat last Halloween weekend; since GA Power announced there will now be no draw down this year, they will plan that event for Halloween 2022.

With the increasing traffic on the lake, Jay Clark reminded everyone, please stay to the right!

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, Brette Johnson