

Lake Harding Leaseholders Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2022

Call to order

Treasurer, Richard Young, called the meeting of Leaseholders Association Board of Directors to order at 11:45 a.m. on August 3, 2022, at B. Merrell's in Columbus, GA.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Treasurer Richard Young; Secretary Brette Johnson; Board Members Scott Peebles, Bill Wadsworth, Keith Padgett, Jamie Griffis, Janet Davis, Chad Morgan, Neil Block, Adam Cail, and Brandon Haynes. Also in attendance were Dawson Ingram and two other members of the local GA Power staff.

Approval of minutes from last quarterly meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Bill Wadsworth moved to approve the minutes; Scott Peebles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Richard Young presented the current financial statement. The GA Power solicitation letter was not as successful this time, but the current membership is at 623, the second highest membership since the Association has been in existence. All of the approved donations have been made and the invoice for the annual meeting has been paid. Bill Wadsworth moved to approve the financials as presented; Janet Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business and Committee Reports

1. Minutes from the January 26, 2022 Board of Directors meeting were approved by the Board via email.
2. Neighborhood Watch Signs: Bill Wadsworth confirmed that all of the signs that were ordered have been installed.
3. Welcome Signs: The project was temporarily put on hold due to the estimated cost of \$10,000 for each sign. Richard Young presented a much less costly alternative, but Jamie Griffis did not feel that the landowner on the Georgia side would approve of the design. Neil Block expressed that he could get approval to erect the alternative design on the Antioch Volunteer Fire Department property, but after details of the planned design were shared with him, Neil volunteered to recruit other volunteers to build the sign. Neil and Jamie will get together to further discuss the signs.

4. Safe Kids: Bill Wadsworth reported that all but one of the planned jacket stations have been installed and are being well used. Over Memorial Day, about half of the life jackets that were borrowed from the station at Po Boy's Landing were not returned. Sea Tow provides the jackets for the stations, but donations of gently used approved life jackets are encouraged. Jamie and Terri Griffis stock each station on the GA side each Friday. The stations have been very well received by the community.

5. Georgia Power: Keith Padgett and Dawson Ingram meet/talk regularly. The question of who is responsible for buoys on the lake is often asked. GA DNR sometimes sets no wake buoys in the lake; GA Power is responsible for channel markers. Scott Peebles recommended that the Association share with the membership what the channel markers mean.

There was a lot of unapproved construction around the lake during the pandemic and GA Power has been addressing that. Lots of questions have been raised about how the regulations are decided and how they are enforced. Dawson shared that all of the regulations are determined by the Federal Clean Air Act. Structures are not "grandfathered"; GA Power refers to those as "legacy" structures. Legacy structures may be maintained, but if they have to be replaced, they must comply with the current standards. The rules do change to comply with changing government standards. Dawson will provide documentation that explains the difference between maintenance and replacement that we can share with the membership.

New Business

1. President Jay Clark, though not in attendance, proposed that the Association make a \$1,000 donation to Safe Kids Columbus. Bill Wadsworth moved that we make the donation; Janet Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Richard Young will send the donation.

2. Fall BBQs: Bill Wadsworth is planning the BBQ for the Alabama side. He approached the owners of The Landing at the Backwaters, but the pricing was not feasible for the event. The event will be held at the GA Power pavilion on September 22, 2022 and will be catered by Country's. Brette Johnson is planning the BBQ for the GA side. It will be held at 219 on Sunday September 25, 2022. Richard Young will send out the invitations and registrations for the BBQs.

3. Members of the board agreed that lunch meetings are good, but we need a better location. Dawson offered the GA Power office for the meetings and everyone agreed that was acceptable. The next quarterly meeting will be held Wednesday, October 5th, at noon at the GA Power office located at 1516 Bartlett's Ferry Road, Fortson.

Adjournment

With no further business, Treasurer Richard Young adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Brette Johnson