

Lake Harding Leaseholders Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2022

Call to order

President, Jay Clark, called the meeting of Leaseholders Association Board of Directors to order at noon on October 5, 2022, at the GA Power office on Bartlett's Ferry Road in Fortson, GA.

Roll call

The following persons were present: President Jay Clark, Treasurer Richard Young; Secretary Brette Johnson; Board Members Bill Wadsworth, Keith Padgett, Jamie Griffis, Janet Davis, Chad Morgan and Adam Cail. Also in attendance were Dawson Ingram, Jake Saunders, Jessica Stewart and Ricky Wilborn of the local GA Power staff.

Approval of minutes from last quarterly meeting

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

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Richard Young presented the current financial statement. We have 250 new members since the last directory was published. The cost of the annual meeting this year was \$7,000, which is the reason the report shows a \$5,300 deficit, but the association was unable to have annual meeting the prior two years due to the Covid pandemic. We will need to find another venue and have the event catered in 2023. The 2022 annual meeting had 225 attendees, but there were about 60 no-shows at a cost of \$17 per person. Adam Cail suggested that we use a tracking application such as Event Brite for the 2023 annual meeting so that guests will receive reminders about the event. Bill Wadsworth moved to approve the financials as presented; Janet Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business and Committee Reports

1. Georgia Power: Dawson reported that the abbreviated drawdown has received mixed reactions from the community. Many are unhappy with the late notice of the drawdown and the shortened length, while others are glad to have the opportunity to do some clearing and make necessary repairs. GA Power plans to do the same draw down in 2023, but it will most likely be 2025 before they are able to do another full drawdown. They are doing major operational projects on the some of the dams which makes it impossible to do a full draw down until that time.

The question of whether or not residents are allowed to burn on the shoreline during the drawdown was posed. GA Power has no issue with fires along the shoreline, but there are

restrictions in place about what can and cannot be burned, i.e., hazardous waste. The guidelines for each state can be found at gatrees.org and forestry.alabama.gov. This information will be shared with the membership via email.

2. Welcome Signs: Jamie Griffis reported that the project is still on hold due to inflated construction costs.

3. Boat and Water Safety: Chad Morgan had nothing to report as it is during the off season.

4. Safe Kids Columbus: Bill and Jay reported that Pam Fair is very pleased with everything the association has done to support the organization and the assistance provided to maintain the life jacket stations on Lake Harding. The national Sea Tow organization has recognized Safe Kids Columbus and highlighted them on their website.

During 2022, Sea Tow provided 125 life jackets and about 100 of those were distributed to the stations on Lake Harding. The infant and adult XL sizes seem to be the ones that are most frequently not returned. As we prepare for the 2023 season, everyone was reminded that like jackets that are in good shape can be donated to equip the stations. We have one station that has been constructed but has not yet been installed. The plan is to install that station in the Sonia's slough on the Alabama side.

5. Social Media: Keith Padgett had nothing new to report, but asked that we all share anything of interest to the community and he will be sure to post it on our social media page.

New Business

1. New Directory: Richard Young and Bill Wadsworth have headed up this project for the past few years. We need more participation in solicitation for ad sales. We need 100+ advertisers for the directory. Bill has all of the contact information for the prior advertisers and the printer has all of the prior ads on file. We also need to update the ad costs. Richard will send an email to the membership asking everyone to be sure the contact information we have is accurate. Keith will also post on Facebook to solicit advertisers. Richard will also send all board members a list of prior advertisers and each board member will take responsibility to contact certain ones.

2. Board of Directors: Richard reminded everyone that our terms are coming up and we need to be soliciting prospective board members. A few of the current board members have served several terms and we need to recruit new people.

Adjournment

With no further business, President Jay Clark adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Brette Johnson