

Lake Harding Leaseholders Association, Inc.

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2023

Call to order

President Jay Clark welcomed everyone at 6:45 PM. Blessing was offered, and everyone was encouraged to find their seat. Dinner was then served. Jay called the annual meeting of Lake Harding Leaseholders Association to order at 7:30 PM on April 13, 2023, at Bibb Mill Event Center.

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 Chief Rich McKinney and Deputy Bobby Hood. 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 wardens Jeremy Bolen and Eric Isom. Officer Bolen introduced other members of his team that work/patrol Lake Harding. The 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 constructed two stations. Sea Tow provides life jackets, but donations are accepted. Volunteers are needed to help construct new stations and to maintain the stations.

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 can track accounts, requests, etc.

8. Alabama Department of Conservation and natural resources

Jay introduced Officer Wes Croy

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; Adam Cail; Brandon Hayes; Neil Block and Janie Griffis.

Old Business

Minutes from the April 14, 2022 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 to take place on May 15, 2023 in Harris County. For more info on that, those interested should email info@gaoutdoorsgeorgia.com.

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 have a combined BBQ on September 14, 2023.

4. Social Media

Keith Padgett maintains 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.

Charda Bishop and Tom Schroeder were nominated and were approved by motion.

Welcome Charda and Tom and thank you for your willingness to serve the association.

6. The Association Directory will be available shortly. Special thanks to Bill Wadsworth for his dedication to the directory's completion.

Closing Remarks and Comments

A show of hands was made for all new members in the last year. They were encouraged to help keep our special community alive.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Richard Young.