

July 2022 Board Meeting Notes

In attendance were Debi Lafayette, Nancy Embler, Lee Ayers, Joy Downs, Jim McGrath, Sue Banks.

Dave's health is declining rapidly- please keep him and Ginny in your thoughts and prayers.

Debi & Nancy opened the meeting at 7:10

1. Debi Lafayette, Nancy Embler were voted in as co-presidents. Lee Ayers as the Vice President. The majority of the board voted in favor of the slated board via an email vote in early July.

2. Minutes were accepted as presented from the July 7th meeting.

3. 2022/2023 Board Goals

Debi Lafayette has reviewed past documentation and saw that the LMA Board of Directors used to have annual goals. Debi created a list of goals that she reviewed with all in attendance.

** Since there was a lot of discussion as we reviewed the goals, the notes are included with the goals

- **To always be the 'Voice of Lake Murray**

- accepted as written

- **Goal 2 & 3 regarding Communication with Dominion will be combined as one goal**

- Much discussion about the 'Short Nosed Sturgeons' and the National Marine Fishery who is the only stakeholder who is not in consensus on the new license
 - We are operating under the old license that was relicensed by FERC in 1984 and expired Aug 2010, and is renewed annually.
 - Dominion is trying to move this process along
 - From an LMA standpoint, the goal will be revised to say ***"We will continue a proactive leadership role in Dominion's administration of the license of Lake Murray and maintain regular contact with Dominion on the license process and lake shore management"***.

- **Collaboration with other stakeholders**

- accepted as written

- **Conduct quarterly meetings**

- accepted as written with a recommendation to established the meeting dates for the year in January

- **Membership goals**

- accepted as written
- Debi & Nancy met with Kathy from Len's office to firm up the membership
 - 555 members, with 255 paid and current. There are 300 former members that are not current with dues. Invoices will be sent by Kathy (Len's office)
 - 68 corporate members- 5 have free lifetime memberships and 15 are up to date
 - we will hopefully have the 'true' membership under control and manageable soon
- Debi followed up on the letters that were mailed and emails that members sent in
- We will be looking at yearly dues renewing at the same time each year.
 - this will be discussed at a later date

- **Establish an Advisory Board made up of past board members or key knowledgeable people**

- to be rewritten as 'Establish an *'Emeritus Board'* as key members retire. These are non voting members members and not part of the quorum
 - Board to offer membership to be offered to Joy Downs, Dave Landis, Mike Kirk

- **Update Website and Facebook page**

- accepted as written
- Debi & Dave Foust met to discuss the website and establishing a members login.
- Membership login password would be provided with payment of dues
 - this would be made easier with the establishment of an annual dues renewal date for everyone
- Debi requested 1000.00 to be used for website update software- this was approved

- **Establish committee chairs and memberships**

- accepted as written
- more discussion on implementation as the needs of LMA have been further defined

- **Dock Sign Program**

- accepted as written
- since 2016 we have sold 219 dock signs
 - 2022- 79 dock signs so far this year
 - 2021- 62 dock signs last year

- **Establish a Quarterly Lake Link Committee**

- accepted as written
- a Lake Link needs to be sent out prior to the Sept Newberry meeting (if no Lake Link is sent, then a letter should be sent)

- **Conduct Ladies Day on the Lake program**

- accepted as written

- **Yearly Boat Show**

- accepted as written

- **Conduct H2O program**

- accepted as written

4. Dominion letter to Stakeholders

- Bundrick Island & Pine Island were turned over to the State of South Carolina as public recreation areas
 - Much discussion about both of these islands
 - It's a win to get Pine Island out of development
 - It's better for the lake to be recreation vs development
 - This is not an issue for the Lake Murray Association to deal with and we have no obligation to poll our members. We have an obligation as a board to act in the best interest of all of our lake members
 - Lee mentioned that Bundrick Island would benefit from oversight as a park
 - Recreational opportunities on the lake are limited and additional recreation areas would be in the best interest of the users of the lake
 - Lee Ayers will draft a letter to Dominion Energy on LMA's position in response to the letter that they sent

5. Newberry County Quarterly meeting

- Sept 13, 2022 7:00
- Jim McGrath secured Macedonia Lutheran Church from 6pm to 9pm
- Ray Ammarell is our keynote speaker
 - Debi will reach out to Sheriff Lee Foster
 - Lee will reach out to Ronnie Cromer, DNR and also ask Ronnie about House and Senate representatives to invite

6. New board members applications

- we reviewed 3 applications of the new board members that Debi and Jim had lunch with
 - Bob Rankin- Is interested in Corporate sponsors
 - Manny Faria- work with Jim on Ecology & Wildlife and possibly take care of the dock sign orders
 - Bill Keith- possible for quarterly meetings- invite him to come and help
 - Discussion needed on sign-in/ set up

7. Environmental/ Water

- water testing was done on July 25, and the website will be updated once the results come in
- Debi and Zack (her photographer) accompanied Jim on July 25th, and a short video will be created showing the water testing process and post it on the website

8. Other Misc items

- **LMA phone**
 - Debi got the LMA phone from Dave
 - Getting Dave's name taken off the phone and replacing with Debi and Nancy
 - approved for Debi to get a new phone
- **Dominion contacts**
 - will be updated to be Debi Lafayette, Nancy Embler and Lee Ayers
- **Dominion Updates**

- Nancy shared a Dominion update after talking to Billy Chastain at a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting

- buoys will be put around the towers to keep the boats away from towers
- lake will be lowered to 350 starting in late October to help deal with the nuisance weeds
- walkers parking lot will remain open, but the parking lot in the recreation area will be used to store equipment and supplies

- **LMA books**

- Joy turned over one book to Debi/Nancy and is keeping the other to make sure trademark and sales tax exemption are up to date

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Sue Banks, LMA Interim Secretary