

Board Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2022

In attendance: Debi Lafayette, Lee Ayers, Dave Foust, James McGrath, Joy Downs, Manny Faria, Bill Keith, Linda Lefebvre, Chris Osbourn,

The Board meeting notes for August were approved.

**September Newberry Quarterly Meeting** at Macedonia Church: We reviewed the meeting line up. Great job Lee on contacting Ronnie Cromer, DNR, & Lexington County Marine Patrol to attend the meeting

Please arrive at 6pm to help set up

Dave Foust will bring needed items from storage.

We need 2 volunteers to sign in members (Dave & Manny) and 2 others (Jim and his wife?) to take cash and have another computer for members to join and people to order dock signs.

Lee will MC the meeting. He will start by acknowledging the visitors we have invited and offering them a moment to speak

Next he will introduce Joy Downs and she will give a 5 minute speech honoring Dave. She will also offer a gift to Dave's wife Ginny.

Ray Ammerill will then speak for approx. ½ hour and then answer questions.

1) we will get maps from Lake Murray Country to hand out at the meeting

2) Jim is to check on TV or screen at the church for Ray & Joys presentation, we will need to potentially buy a screen of our own.

3) We are going to have a dock sign on display and a computer set up for people to order them while they are there.

4) it was agreed to sell Waters Edge books at the meeting

Nancy will mail out the letters reminding people of the September Newberry Meeting, Debi will email the membership

**Treasurer Report** – Len has sent the report prior to the meeting, see attached. Debi also updated that a new LMA cell phone was purchased. Chris is going to again check in to availability of LMA shirts, Debi has ordered name tags, and we will look at getting some generic name tags (not person specific).

**Membership** – we need to have a letter that goes out to new members as they sign up as well as a personal follow up phone call.

We are currently at 561 members on the books, 280 of these are up to date on their dues.

**Corporate Sponsors** – we will be having new corporate sponsor boards made. We are currently at 68 Corporate members, 5 have free membership and 14 are up to date on their dues.

**Google Drive** – a google drive has been set up. Each board member and director will be given access to their areas.

**Water Testing** - Jim reviewed the water testing results for July. Several areas were showing high levels of Phosphorus. Jim will be monitoring further.

**Dock Signs** – Manny Faria has taken over the Dock Sign program and is doing a great job! We are up to 81 dock sign orders for 2022.

**Dominion Video** – we will be doing this on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> and then will post each week on FB thereafter. Cost of this video will be \$600.

**Honorable Emeritus** – Joy Downs is our first person in this position. Congratulations Joy! Lee will be writing up what this will mean as far as LMA activity. Suggestions were: they receive copies of all board meeting notes, they will meet twice a year for lunch or dinner in which the LMA will pay for. They will serve on call & email as a resource to the LMA Board Members and committee heads. They may be called on to meet with potential new board members that are being considered.

**Website** – Debi has been working with Technodream creating the new website – it will have video and a private members page. She hopes to do be done and have the website go live near the end of September. The new website will use Paypal as a pay portal instead of Weebly. We initially agreed to \$1000 for website costs, it may require another \$500.

**NALMS** – it was agreed that we would again join NALMS at the Lake/Watershed Association level at \$165 per year.

**Storage** – the storage area has been re-organized - we reviewed what is there and where it is located.

### **Other items –**

Two articles from NALMS were handed out to the board – “How to Form a Successful Lake Association” & “How to Evaluate a Lake Association’s Effectiveness” as well as a list of Stakeholders for the lake licensing process and a list of activities and events the LMA has done in the past. A copy of the 2022-2023 Goals were also attached.

### **Looking ahead –**

It was decided to have Richard Burton Peterson as a speaker for either the Lexington or Richland quarterly meeting next year to speak on the Doolittle Raiders Remembrance Project.

Debi has spoken to Zach Steinhauser regarding his movie Purple Haze and his interest in Purple Martins. He is interested in joining LMA and potentially forming a committee interested in the Purple Martins. There has been some talk about erosion concerns on Bomb Island. It was suggested that we speak to Dominion and get their input about these concerns or any programs as we set up ours.

We discussed having an open house night for people that are interested in getting more active in the LMA. We also have board positions that need filled.

We will be having our next quarterly meeting in Saluda County on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

We talked about hosting a membership picnic in 2023 and inviting Lake Law enforcement and a way to show appreciation for their services.