

Minutes for the April 4, 2018 - LGA Monthly Meeting Lake Gaston Baptist Church FINAL

At 9:32 AM, President Mozine Lowe called the meeting to order. Also in attendance were Directors Carol Warfel, Jeff Dowhan, Al Potter, Bill Heflin, Tony Moran, Clarence Drumgoole, John Cataldo, Jack Saunders, Judy Waters, Don Carson, and Executive Director Moira Underwood. In all, there were 35 members/guests present (Warren 16, Halifax 5, Northampton 4, Brunswick 5, and Mecklenburg 5).

Mozine led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance and then requested a moment of silence. Mozine requested a motion to approve the agenda which was made and approved.

Announcements included:

- Lakeside Learning Day – first LLD scheduled for Davie MS on 4/12 at Vincent's Retreat, second for Gaston MS on 4/26 at the Wildwood Point recreation area and the third on 5/10 for James S Russell Middle School(Brunswick Co.) at Edwards Beach
- April 28 - *Shred Event* for all at the RWVFD on Lizard Creek Road.
- June 2 - *Lake Clean-Up Day*.

Attendees introduced themselves and, as requested by Pres. Lowe, identified whether their birthday was in April. At the end of the introductions, all the birthday celebrants were treated to a rousing rendition of the "Happy Birthday To You" song by the Lake Gaston community. Many were seen to be discretely dabbing tears of joy from the corner of their eyes.

Bill Heflin introduced our guest speaker, Jim Nold, Past President and member of the Lake Gaston Striper Club. Mr. Nold provided an engaging introduction to the LG Striper Club, their goals and activities. The Club sponsors Outings through the summer where participants collect points for fishing culminating in a season ending award. Lower key than traditional tournaments, this activities is geared more for fun and bragging rights. The club also offers fishing training for new members, monthly meetings and a monthly breakfast, and field trips. Additionally, the Striper Club participates in outreach and education activities that include: supporting the LGA Lake Clean Up event; twice a year catfish "Fish Ins" with all fish caught donated to the Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids; Youth events: an annual fish fry; a Wounded Warriors ride along program; and supporting LGA Lakeside Learning Days, staffing one of the learning stations. Mr Nold described Striper fishing on Lake Gaston and answered lots of questions about fishing on Lake Gaston. As to where the best spots were, he said, "There's fish all over this lake!"

In Committee News, we addressed the Five County Forum, Meet the Candidate Forums, Lakeside Learning Days, and the upcoming Lake Clean Up (6/2). Al announced that E. coli testing kits will be available for distribution next month. We would like testing to be done once per month through the summer.

No Issue/concerns were raised at this meeting.

As a reminder, our next meeting will be on May 2, 2018, and our topic will be Aquatic Weed Management.

If you would like more information about any of the LGA committees or would like to come out and help at one of the special events, please email info@lakegastonassoc.com or visit www.lakegastonassoc.com.

Mozine closed the meeting at 10:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Carson, Acting Secretary, wishing Brian a speedy recovery