

May 4, 2016 LGA Monthly Meeting Minutes (Approved)

The meeting began at 9:35 AM. The President, Bill Heflin, called the meeting to order and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then called for a moment of silence. In attendance were Directors Bill Lindenmuth, Clarence Drumgoole, Jeff Dowhan, Al Potter, Tony Moran, Don Carson, John Cataldo, and Jack Saunders, and VP Mozine Lowe and Exec Dir Moira Underwood. The nineteen persons in the audience introduced themselves including Christina Welles, President of the Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Bill asked Al Potter to address the upcoming E.coli water sampling activity of the Environmental Committee. Al described why the testing was performed, how the test samples were collected and how the petri dishes were prepared and interpreted and handed out written instruction. Members were invited to participate by taking three sets of test kit elements to perform tests at one location ever three months. Al passed around representative samples from three locations collected on Sunday with developed cultures one of which held levels of E.coli which he reported to Mecklenburg Health officials.

Bill then introduced Larry Liles and Greg Roller, owner/operators of Lake Gaston Jet Ski. Larry led off by describing all of the services that this new business in the area offers to customers, followed by an overview of safe operation tips including wearing approved life vests, ensuring the kill switch lanyard is connected; operational tips regarding control, slowing, steering, responsible operation, and situation awareness. Greg also offered tips regarding preparing for the season by having fully charged batteries with clean/tight connections and avoiding damage to the engine system from settled ethanol fuel.

Bill thanked them for the presentation and provided them with LGA caps. Bill then reported on the LGA activity over the last several months to gain full insight into Dominion operations and Army Corps of Engineers procedures for operation in the coming months with emphasis on what can be expected with implementation of the Quasi Run of the River flow procedures and downstream effects from the associated water releases. He reported that we are still working to get written confirmation from Dominion that they intend to maintain normal levels between 199 and 200 feet above sea level with excursions to 201 and 201.5 feet during high flow periods, and from the Corps that they will implement procedures to avoid declaring flood operations when levels are below 300 feet above sea level in Kerr Lake with flow less than 20,000 cubic feet per second.

Clarence reminded the audience of the upcoming June 4 Sixth Annual "Take Pride in Lake Gaston" Clean Up Day.

Jeff reported on the April 19 Lake Learning Event sponsored by the LGA for Wm Davie Middle School students at Edwards Beach which included participants from NC Wildlife, NC Wildlife Law Enforcement, LG Water Safety, USCGA Flotilla 93, and specific teaching efforts by four of

the LGA Directors participating in the day's events. A similar event is planned for May 20 for the Enfield Middle School students.

Jack reported that the Community Shred received nearly 4 tons of paper files from participants.

John asked for volunteers to assist with two revegetation events planned with NC Wildlife Resources and NCSU School of Aquatic Crop Management.

The Annual LGA Meeting will be held on June 11 when Directors are elected.

The LG Weed Control Council approved the Stakeholder Board endorsed Technical Advisory Group recommendations for the aquatic vegetation lake management for 2016 at its meeting on May 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Submitted by Acting Sec'y Jack D. Saunders

Reported by the temporary Secretary, Jack D. Saunders, Director Northampton County (1 of 2)