

LGA Minutes for the November 2, 2016, Monthly Meeting - APPROVED

Meeting called to order by President Bill Heflin at approximately 9:30 a.m and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and requested a moment of silence. In attendance were Directors Mozine Lowe, Jeff Dowhan, Al Potter, John Cataldo, Carol Warfel, Wally Sayko, Tony Moran, Don Carson, Brian Goldsworthy and Executive Director Moira Underwood. There were approximately 35 members and guests in attendance. After introductions, Bill asked for a motion to approve the agenda which was made, seconded and passed.

Executive Director Moira Underwood introduced our first speaker Jodie Dowhan, from the John 3:16 Center. Jodie gave us an enlightening presentation about the 501 (c) 3 organization and the good work that is done all year. She noted when the program began 10 years ago it served 25 children; today the number is over 150 children. It's not just about Christmas gifts although the toy collection has begun. The children, ages newborn to 16, come from vetted families in need of assistance. At the annual Christmas Party on December 17th, the children receive an outfit, socks, shoes, underwear (or diapers) a coat if it's needed, and a few small gifts.

The John 3:16 Center does not receive funding from any government entity. It relies on financial donations, some grants and volunteer power. Tax deductible donations are always needed; especially this time of the year. For more information visit <http://john316center.org/>. If you would like to help with buying gifts (the week of December 4th) or wrapping gifts (the week of December 12th), email Shannon smcallister@john316center.org or Brittany, bsinka@john316center.org.

Environment Chair Wally Sayko introduced the second guest speaker, A.J. Reyes, our Lake Manager from NC State. AJ gave a very thorough briefing about the status of revegetation and the fall aquatic plant survey. He noted 3 things which are helping improve the lake; the treatment plan is working, the grass carp are doing their job and we had a favorable stretch of weather this year. However, there is no magic bullet or quick fix and there is still more work to do to address the growing threat of Lyngbya.

AJ made it a point to acknowledge the hard work lake resident Bruce Johnson is doing on his own to support the survey. He estimated Bruce, in his kayak, has surveyed 40% of the lake this year which is a remarkable achievement. Bill presented Bruce with a gift certificate on behalf of the LGA.

In the business part of the meeting, Clarence Drumgoole, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, recommended Brian Goldsworthy be appointed Secretary for the LGA. A motion was made, seconded and passed to make this official. Both Clarence and Bill stressed the LGA runs on volunteers and help is needed on a committee or to fill one of the vacant Director's positions. Please get involved. This is our lake and no one else will do it.

The 2017 budget was presented and a motion made to accept, seconded and passed.

In the Committee Report section, Education Chair Jeff Dowhan reported on the 5 County School Superintendent Forum which was recently held. Interest from the school representatives was positive and plans are underway for a repeat event in 2017. Government Relations Chair Don Carson reminded all of the next 5 County Government forum which will be held at the Lions Club on March 16, 2017.

Save the date and, as a reminder, this meeting is open to both members and the general public. Lake Clean Up Chair Carol Warfel announced May 20th as the annual “Clean the Lake Day”. Lastly, Past President Al Potter reminded everyone E-Coli kits are still available and to learn more consider becoming a part of the Environment Committee, chaired by Wally, which meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Tammy’s, in Littleton.

Executive Director Moira Underwood announced the LGA will post in the next newsletter a “Found and Lost” to match up lake residents who lost items swept from docks during Hurricane Matthew.

During the Issues/Concerns by members section, a comment was made about possible Internet connectivity issues around some parts of the lake. A comment was made to perhaps include this topic along with cell phone coverage at next year’s 5 County Government Forum.

With no further comments, Bill closed the meeting at approximately 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Goldsworthy, Secretary