

LGA Minutes for the September 5, 2018 Monthly Meeting (APPROVED)
Lake Gaston Baptist Church

The meeting began at 9:30 AM. President Mazine Lowe called the meeting to order and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mazine then called for a moment of silence. In attendance were Directors' Jeff Dowhan, Al Potter, Clarence Drumgoole, Don Carson, Tony Moran, John Cataldo, Carol Warfel, Jack Saunders, Wally Sayko, Brian Goldsworthy, Judy Waters, David Murphy and Executive Director Moira Underwood. There were 50 members/guests and one member of the press in attendance. Mazine asked for a motion to approve the agenda which was made by Bill, seconded and passed.

Mazine commented that the next meeting will be October 3 and our speaker will be Mr. Kirk Rundell, from the NC Wildlife Commission. This should be an informative discussion on Fisheries in NC. A brief update on the EF bridge was given and hopefully is underway by the time you read this.

We were most fortunate to have all five sheriffs at our meeting and hats off to:

- Brunswick County Sheriff Brian Roberts
- Mecklenburg County Sheriff Bobby Hawkins
- Northampton County Sheriff Jack Smith
- Halifax County Sheriff Wes Tripp
- Warren County Sheriff Johnny Williams

Just prior to the meeting a member had a minor slip and fall on the stairs and to her surprise the "first responder's" were three of the sheriff's who happened to be standing inside the meeting room. Mazine commented we were inside the safest place in the immediate area.

Listening to our professional law enforcement representatives is always a treat. The mutual respect and camaraderie they have for each other is gratifying to see.

A couple of points were consistently emphasized. First, when calling 911 from a mobile phone, you must first state the county (the State is also a good idea) where the emergency is at and then your address. This will ensure your call is routed to the appropriate 911 center. Make sure guests and grandkids know this. Post on your refrigerator. You do not need to do this with a landline phone. In several years the area will convert to NG 911 (Next Generation) and cell towers will be able to triangulate to your exact location.

Second, there has been a small uptick in burglaries from the water impacting boathouses. Make sure things of value are removed or out of sight. Lock doors. The installation of inexpensive trail (deer) cameras on your property and entrances to subdivisions are an excellent tool to help law enforcement catch the bad guys.

After an interesting question and answer session, the sheriff's received a standing ovation from the audience.

We concluded the meeting with several committee reports.

Don Carson, chair of Government Relations, advised the Board is looking at supporting a Warren County Planning Board recommendation for county wide zoning in Warren County. Interestingly, the other four counties surrounding the lake all have county wide zoning. Don brought the audience up to speed why this is important and there were no comments. The board voted unanimously to endorse county wide zoning for Warren County. A letter will be sent to the county manager and commissioners.

Also, Wally Sayko, who heads up the Environment Committee, introduced Jessica Baumann who is the new Lake Gaston manager from NC State. If you have questions about vegetation on the lake, please feel free to email her at aquaticplants@NCSU.edu. As a reminder, the fall shoreline vegetation survey is underway. It's not too late to volunteer. Please call board member David Murphy at 703.901.5900 or email dmurphy3@centurylink.net.

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.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Goldsworthy, Secretary