

LGA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Lake Gaston Baptist Church

Call to order: 9:40 a.m.

Attendees: John Cataldo, Moira Underwood, Carol Warfel, Lew Stringer, David Murphy, Eric Wooster, Tony Moran, Luly Carson, Don Carson, Brian Goldsworthy

Guests attending: Warren 5, Halifax 5, Northampton 1, Brunswick 3, Mecklenburg 1, other 2

Welcome - Brian Goldsworthy

Approval of Agenda (Eric/Tony) passed

Announcements: Tony, this Friday Charla Duncan will be in Norlina next to the Whistle Stop Diner for Community input for the S-line Rail Development Study (with a stop in Norlina). Brian noted the passing of Connie Scow, wife of long time LGA director Ron Skow. We were joined by Michelina Friss, of the LG Gazette. Next meeting (February) topic is Empower High speed internet being installed around the lake in VA. In March, Eric will talk about HAM radio. April Jessica Baumann results of the Aquatic Survey. On the 17th and 18th of December meet Santa at the RW VFD.

Member & Visitor Introductions

Topic: LGA Year in Review

Speaker: Brian Goldsworthy, LGA President, Intro, Thanks to the directors. Thanks to Executive Director. Brian presented flowers to Moira. Recap of 2021 for the LGA. Leanne Patrick of the LG Chamber spoke at the Feb meeting, he noted the passing of Jack Saunders. In March we had Cory Chamberlain from Dominion Energy, April Jessica Baumann of NCSU, May featured Chef Lorenzo of the RW VFD, and Sherri Herzig, and we also did the Shred event (which we named for Jack). In 2022 the shred event will be in May. The June Annual meeting featured the resumption of face-to-face meetings, we hope to resume having hotdogs after the annual meeting in 2022. Steve Hoyle was the speaker (Lyngbya). July featured Mike Hairston from Habitat for Humanity, August had the VA and NC Wildlife Officers, September local Sheriffs (three NC sheriffs are up for election). Also, we began the Lake aquatic plant survey around all 350 miles of shoreline with about of 70 volunteers. It continued through October. November Stacy Woodhouse addressed the new developments in Littleton.

M&M - we've done well in renewals only about 10% non-renewals. Solicitation from the tax records for Warren County. Noted a spike in the home values at LKG. Inventory will continue to decline. More developments are in store for us. Two new developments in Warren (including 60 homes on the property where the Chateau was planned).

Lake Clean Up - done every year, this year we started a roadside clean up – one in NC one in Va. Every day is clean up day at LKG.

Government Relations – Meet the Candidate forums for NC candidates will be the first three Saturdays in February(Note this has been delayed). Need some volunteers to help run these events. Five County Forum in March. Later will be planning a similar meeting for the local school Superintendents.

Lake Environment – Aquatic planting in June, Survey in Fall, E. coli test testing will continue.

Public Safety Committee – Shred Event in the Spring. Working setting up a Community Response Team (CERT) for Warren Co. What Three Words (Google it) is great way to be able to tell first responders your location. Local EMS uses it. Partnering with local realtors and local marinas to talk about the lake – buoys and other info for renters on the lake.

Thanked the Board but need support of volunteers.

Brian introduced Shannon McAllister, Executive Director at John 3:16 who received Christmas presents the LGA has collected this Fall. Helps with a part of our community that often feels overlooked. Will be serving more children than ever before. They have expanded to the former Angel's Closet in Roanoke Rapids with the help of local first responder volunteer support. They do accept donations, send to: John 3:16 Center, PO box 1541, Littleton, NC 27851

Treasurer's Report – copies of budget status distributed. We are on track with expenses and income.

LGA Board to vote on Lew Stringer as an interim Director (Eric/John), Approved

Issues/Concerns from Members: none

Adjourn move to adjourn (Eric/John) passed TIME: 10:51 am