

LGA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Lake Gaston Baptist Church

Call to order: 9:40 a.m.

Attendees: John Cataldo, Moira Underwood, Carol Warfel, Lew Stringer, Eric Wooster, Tony Moran, Luly Carson, Judy Waters, Jeff Zimmer, Brian Goldsworthy

Guests attending: Warren 4, Halifax 3, Northampton 2, Brunswick 3, Mecklenburg 2

Welcome - Brian Goldsworthy

Approval of Agenda (Eric/Tony) passed

Announcements: Five County Forum is scheduled for Tuesday 9am March 15th at the Lake Gaston Lions Club. At our March Board Meeting Director Eric will talk about HAM radio. In April Jessica Baumann will discuss results of the Aquatic Survey and plans for the 2022 Nuisance Vegetation Treatments. On May 7 we will hold our annual shred event at the RWWVFD.

Member & Visitor Introductions: joining us were Superior Court Judge Norlan Graves and Jimmie Silver, candidate for Halifax County Sheriff.

Topic: Internet Solutions @ LKG

Speaker(s): Brian Goldsworthy informed us that one of our scheduled speakers, David Lipscomb with Mecklenburg EMC is unable to attend. An open discussion took place regarding their build out that is currently underway in Brunswick County. John Cataldo being a member of the co-op shared his experiences as a customer.

Brian then introduced Peter Hortensis who is retired from Lenovo. Peter explained to us the neighborhood internet solution that the River Forest HOA executed with Century Link using the fiber optic line that runs alongside Eaton Ferry Road. A copy of his presentation will be posted to the LGA website. Peter provided much detail and a question and answer session followed. Peter stated that he would also make available contact information to the Century Link Fiber Business Group upon request. Brian presented Peter with a gift from LKG Coffee Company.

Committee Reports:

M&M – Tony stated that dues statements have been sent out. He encouraged everyone to support our business members and pass the word onto to our fellow homeowners about the value of LGA membership.

Lake Environment – Jeff discussed our recent ZOOM call with the Smith Mountain Landowners Association and the information we shared on each other's activities.

The committee is now planning our activities for the year. The contracted Water Quality work that NCSU has been doing as part of the Lyngbya Research project for the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council (LGWCC) has come to an end. Where the LGWCC goes from here will determine what and how LGA participates. TAG, Stakeholder and LGWCC meets are planned for February and March. Several of our members sit on the LGWCC and are actively involved in the LKG nuisance vegetation control program.

Lake Clean Up – Carol stated that we will do some roadside clean up on March 22nd. The annual lake clean up date will be in June and is TB scheduled. Access to dumpsters will not be arranged. Every day is clean-up day at LKG.

Government Relations –John stated as previously mentioned, the five County Forum is planned for March 15th. Saturday dates for the NC Candidate forums (one in each county) are TBD as the election sign up period has been delayed. We are in need of additional volunteers to help run these events. Later we will be planning a similar meeting for the local school board candidates and Superintendents.

Public Safety Committee –Brian mentioned that Warren County has agreed to support the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. Plans are now being made for training. Lewis Mustain has agreed to be a volunteer coordinator. This committee is working with the 911 Task Force and the Water Safety Council to coordinate activities including "What 3 Words", the dockside orange info cards for EMS calls, and partnering with local realtors and marinas to inform folks about these safety programs/measures.

Carol made a plug recruiting director volunteers. Thanked the Board but need support of volunteers.

Treasurer's Report – Luly provided a quick budget status and distributed a copy of our actual 2022 YTD expenses.

Issues/Concerns from Members: none

Adjourn move to adjourn (Eric/Jeff) passed TIME: 10:50 am