

LGA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Lake Gaston Baptist Church

Welcome and call to order at 9:32 AM

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence Observed

Introductions made by all present

Present: Don Carson, Eric Wooster, Tony Moran, Lew Stringer, Carol Warfel, Beverly Summerfield, John Cataldo, Brian Goldsworthy, Jeff Zimmer, Judy Waters, Lewis Mustian

Motion to Approve Agenda by Eric Wooster, Second by Tony Moran.

Passed

Announcements:

Vegetation Survey September and October, with rake toss data collected and analyzed by NC State per Jeff Zimmerman

New LGA address announced. LGAncva.com

Membership survey for 2022/2023 announced by Jeff Zimmer. Last survey's in 2015 and 2018, Will use electronic survey tool.

Guest Speakers:

Sheriff Roberts (Brunswick), Sheriff Davis (Halifax) and Major Ezzell (Mecklenburg);
Not present: Sheriff Smith (North Hampton) and Sheriff Branch (Warren)

Discussion Topic: Crime Pressures at the lake and preventive measures you can take

Various statistics shared about crime in general in the counties and Lake Gaston area specifically.

Request that all property owners install high visibility address signs at the property (4-7 feet above ground) to enhance the ability of law enforcement and first responders to find the property at time of need. Biggest challenge faced by all is hiring!

Need to ensure that all information needed for 911 call is posted in multiple areas of the home and boat dock.

Drug overdose seems to be the largest issue, all counties have and use Narcan to revive OD's

All departments have benefited from various grants to assist with equipment and education of staff

To counter negative publicity from media, some departments are using Facebook to share actual activities (both positive and negative)

To allow for better coverage and response time, counties have assigned deputies to "zones"

Most counties have "Swat type teams"

Suggested that Alarm Signs and Beware of Dog signs be place near street so that criminals see them before they approach the home

If you expect to enforce no trespassing, you must put up No Trespassing signs

Committee Updates:

Issues/concerns from Members:

Next meeting Oct 5, 2022 - Guest speakers from Dominion Energy

November meeting will feature guest speaker, Stacey Woodhouse who will speak about development in Littleton and Warren County

Motion to adjourn by Eric Wooster and second by Jeff Zimmer. Passed

Adjourned