

LGA Membership Meeting
Wednesday, July 12, 2023 - 9:30 am
Lake Gaston Baptist Church
Minutes

Attendees:

Public: approximately 20 attendees

Board of Directors: Jeff Zimmer, Eric Wooster, Anne Wood, Brian Goldsworthy, Shannon McAllister, Judy Waters, Jane Stringer, Lewis Mustian, Patricia Price, Beverly Summerfield

Lake Cleanup Committee Chair: Carol Warfel

Lake Environment Committee Co-Chair: John Franz

Meeting opened at 9:30 am

Welcome

Jeff welcomed everyone. Introductions of new Board members.

Objective to provide you with clear and concise.

Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker/Presentation:

Eric provided introductions of Wyatt Andrews LGWSC, John Dyckman and Debbie Pulgencio Coast Auxiliary Flotilla #93

Wyatt – LGWSC goal is get people to think before they play and be aware of safety. LGWSC has flyers with valuable information for you, your family and friends' safety. Visit their website at <https://www.lakegastonwatersafetycouncil.com/> How you can help? Check out their website and join the LGWSC. Volunteer opportunities are available.

John – Vice Commander - Their Mission is recreational boater safety with boater education classes at Longbridge fire department, presentations at HOAs, clubs, organizations and more, free boat safety inspections vessel and materials for your safety. Recently they received a grant which has allowed them to purchase 2 viper radio to communicate with Fire and Rescue.

A few requirements to remember:

- An emergency shutoff switch is required to be attached to boat operator on vessels more than 16' to 30'.
- Fire extinguishers on vessels must have a date stamp newer than 12 years old. Be sure to check the dates when buying a fire extinguisher.
- Jet ski operators must be at least 14 years old and have a boater safety certificate.
- Capacity for vessels including jet skis must include anyone in the vessel and being towed.

Questions for Speakers

There were good questions for John on Standoff rule, owner of vessel is responsible for damages, no matter who is driving, enforcement action by Auxiliary, Coast Guard and Wildlife.

Friday – Wake the World educating kids on boating. At WatersView

Announcements of upcoming LGA activities:

- Safety – Eric Wooster – Provided updates on supporting Fire Education Camps, researching Project Life Saver Program for all Counties around the Lake. Safety meetings are held second Friday of each month. In addition: Membership survey is important. Please take the survey. Help us by giving your neighbors the membership brochures.
- Government Relations – Jeff provided the update. There will be a forum with candidates for Sheriff, School Board, and local candidates, so folks can interact with the candidates. Government Relations meetings are monthly on the third Tuesday.
- Lake Clean up – Carol Warfel provided updates. Volunteers are needed of Lake Clean-up. If you are interested, please contact LGA.
- Environment – John Franz and Jeff Zimmer Co-Chairs – Jeff provided update. Currently conducting e-coli testing on creeks coming into lake. Vegetation survey is how we determine how healthy the lake is. Volunteers are needed. Judy spoke about how the vegetation survey is great for kids looking to increase their volunteer activities. Flyers are available for distribution. This survey work is critical.
- Membership – Brian Goldsworthy provided information on the next Membership meeting on August 2, 2023, at Waterview downstairs at 5:30 pm. Adam Fields will be speaking. Check online in the most recent bulletin for more information and payment options.
Renewal begins September 1st for 2024 for individuals and businesses.
- Other activities – Jeff provided the following updates:
 - Next Membership meeting is September 1st Wednesday, and the Sheriffs will be the Speakers.
 - LGA supports the Weed Control Council. There are over 10k property owners on the Lake. All Counties except Halifax funded the Weed Council. A letter to Halifax County Managers will be sent from LGA regarding this matter. For research information go to Weed Council website at <http://www.lgwcc.org>

Brian officially presented Jeff with the gavel. Jeff recognized Brian for his dedication and years of service as President. Thank you, Brian. Congratulations Jeff.

Jeff asked for questions or concerns. None were raised.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am