

## **LGA Monthly Meeting Minutes (approved)** **Wednesday, November 4, 2015, Lake Gaston Baptist Church**

The meeting was called to order by Tony Moran at 9:35 a.m., as President Bill Heflin was present but who's voice was not up to running the meeting. Tony then conducted the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, and member introductions. Directors present were Bill Heflin, John Cataldo, Carol Warfel, Tony Moran, Al Potter, Bill Lindenmuth, Clarence Drumgoole, Jeff Dowhan, Jack Saunders, and Don Carson.

Guest Speaker Shannon McAllister, from John 3:16, started off with thanking the LGA for the support we have provided. She provided an overview of their program that includes providing clothes, toys and books to children of area families in need. She handed out a couple of flyers describing their activities. They generally help between 100-190 children per year and have served over 750 to date. Toy drop off boxes are located at various locations in the Lake area. They can also use help in wrapping toys in December.

Guest Speaker Justin Nawrocki, NCSU Extension Service Agent, provided an informative update of activities this year. They supported two kids camps this summer, a presentation to Gaston Elementary, and numerous HOA presentations.

Hydrilla: 504 acres were treated this year (as apposed to 1000 last year). It is about 95 percent controlled, much of the survey showed only short sprigs, indicative of grass carp grazing. He pointed out that it will never be eradicated.

Lyngbya: the second most nuisance plant on the lake. They have begun testing of various treatment from 4 vendors. One showed no efficacy. The others showed some and will be re-evaluated in the Spring. Lyngbya is much more expensive to treat than Hydrilla. NCSU and Lake Gaston are on the forefront of this research. Revegetation: NCSU, NSWRC and the LGA contributed more than 500 hours of volunteer time to construct enclosures and set out plants. New plantings have persisted and we will see next year whether they will begin to thrive. They are happy with the results so far.

Vegetation Surveys: 5714 points were surveyed around the lake! 495 miles of sonar data has been taken to complement this data. The new hot spot for Hydrilla is Pea Hill Creek.

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Motion was made (Potter) and seconded (Lindenmuth) and passed to approve the minutes of the September meeting, which had been distributed earlier for review.

Jack Saunders presented the Treasurer's Report showing that we are running below budget for the year. It was moved (Carson) and seconded (Moran) and passed to approve the report. He also presented the final budget for 2016. He noted that he has received no comments from the membership on the proposed budget.

Tony Moran, Membership Committee Chair, stated that membership now stands a 2078. We are in our renewal drive now. If you renew now and get a new member to renew you can receive a discount!

Jack Saunders, Safety Committee Chair, announced that the Lake Gaston Ace Hardware (and LGA Business member), Lake Gaston Supply and Lawrenceville ACE are providing a discounts of \$5 on CO and smoke detectors until Nov 7.

A Northampton Rep reported the Northampton Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to place a proposed levy of taxes for middle and high school building projects on the ballot in March 2016. The levy would increase the tax rate per \$100 of assessed value by 9.92 cents, bringing the personal property rate in Northampton County to \$1.0192 per \$100 of assessed value. School construction is very likely in the immediate future. Property owners need to become involved in the process of defining what type of construction can be afforded and what is necessary without frills to assure the county's youth have the full opportunity for a complete middle and high school experience

Meeting was then adjourned.

Minutes captured by Don Carson, acting secretary