

Lake Gaston Association Monthly Meeting Minutes - Approved
November 1, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
Lake Gaston Baptist Church

The President, Mozine Lowe, called the meeting to order and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. She then called for a moment of silence. In attendance were VP Don Carson, and Directors Jeff Dowhan, Al Potter, Tony Moran, Bill Heflin, John Cataldo, Carol Warfel, Clarence Drumgoole, Jack Saunders, Wally Sayko, Judy Waters, and Exec. Dir. Moira Underwood. The individuals in the audience introduced themselves. There were approximately 10 people from Warren County, 5 from Northampton, 4 from Halifax, 6 from Mecklenburg, 2 from Brunswick and 4 from elsewhere. Mozine asked for a motion to approve the agenda which was made, seconded (Bill/Wally) and passed.

During the Announcements, Judy Waters was introduced as a new director from Halifax County.

The Guest Speaker this month, Casey Williams, Northern Piedmont Educations Specialist with the NC Wildlife Resource Commission, led an informative and entertaining presentation wildlife that can be found in and around Lake Gaston. She also addressed things residents can do to support local wildlife and pointed out that there is a NC Helpline for questions or issues with local fauna. This was followed by Jodie Dowhan who kicked off the 2017 Christmas Toy Drive by the John 3:16 Centre.

Next up was the vote on the 2018 LGA Budget. The proposed budget had been provided to the membership previously via the Bulletin. A motion was made to approve the proposed budget and was seconded (Bill/Tony). The motion was approved.

Committee reports –

Government Relations – Don announced that the 2018 Five County Forum will be held on March 15 and that Meet the Candidate Forums are being planned for the March/April timeframe in time for the upcoming NC Primaries.

Environment – Wally noted that there were 65 volunteers supporting the vegetation survey. Bruce Johnson coordinates it and we ended up contributing over 1000 hours to the effort. AJ Reyes thanked all the volunteers and said that the exclosures (cages) on the lake look to be in good shape with lots of plants growing in them. He did point out that there is a new potentially invasive plant to be wary of – Giant Silvinia.

Issues/concerns by members – A concern was expressed about the amount of trash along the roadsides and a short discussion followed as to who one could call about it.

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Reported by the acting Secretary,

Don Carson,
Director Warren County