

**Lake Rabun Association
General Membership Meeting
September 2, 2007**

Welcome/General Comments:

LRA President, Thad Warren called the meeting to order at 10:07.

Thad led the Pledge to the flag. The Clayton United Methodist minister led the opening prayer.

Dave Cowan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Memorial Day meeting, Alan Price seconded the motion.

Thad introduced the following:

DNR representative, Chad Campbell was thanked by Thad for his help in helping to maintain a safe lake. If there are any questions regarding boating safety please address them to Chad.

Lake Wiley Fire Department, John Widgery, stated that we had a quiet thus great summer. He wants to upgrade the fire boat.

Mountain Patrol, thefts this summer were down. Please see David Bramlett if you have any questions about how to protect your property over the winter.

Georgia Power, thank you so much so being great landlords.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

- a. LRA Chairman, Rick Asbill started his report informing those present about Ted Mashburn, a volunteer fireman for 33 years who fell off a ladder and was seriously injured. Joe Hamilton and Denny Webb have organized a fund through the 100 Club of Rabun County for individuals to help Ted with any medical bills by donating in Ted's name to this fund. If you want to donate please make your check out to 100 Club of Rabun County and send it to Mountain Heritage Bank.

Rick then discussed the Burns Property Rezoning issue. He stated that there are 13 acres up for sale. The lot that is trying to be developed is LRA lot #2. Kirk Knous has attended zoning meetings on behalf of the LRA. The Trustees have been following this issue. Georgia Power is committed to having single family homes. They are opposed to a community boathouse or any sort of time-share agreement. The LRA will continue to monitor this issue. Please contact any LRA officer if you have any questions.

Next, Rick gave the Pavilion report. The Pavilion is completed. We now wish to pave the upper parking area in order to make it more user friendly for those who are handicapped or anyone that may have difficulty maintaining balance on a rocky surface. This is a community facility. We are proud to say that at least 13 different non-LRA functions will take place at this facility this year. The community uses the facility more than the LRA. The remaining debt on the Pavilion is approximately \$65,000.00, assuming all pledges are paid.

We need all outstanding pledges to be paid by December 2007. Lisa Longino and Charlie Arp collected \$22,000.00 at a table they set up prior to the meeting to solicit more members of the

LRA Navy. If you are able to make a contribution to move your plaque on the wall, please do so. We would like to burn the mortgage at the end of the year!

Rick thanked Ben and Sheila McCracken for constantly helping out the LRA in times of need. For example, during the Rabun Ramble we ran out of ice and water and they opened the coolers up for us. They always give generously to Bingo with the goody bags. Ben has also been extremely helpful on the Memorial Wall's lighting. We would like to thank them with a \$250.00 gift.

In addition, Rick thanked Felicia Lease for her help with the Directory. She handles all of the applications for membership, proofs them all and then sends it to Rick's office.

Rick then thanked the LRA officers and the other members of the Pavilion committee, Charlie Arp, Buz Stone, Ann Webb, Lisa Longino, Carol Raeber, and Joe Hamilton. They have put in many hours bringing this project to completion. A special thank you was given to Charlie Arp for coordinating with Georgia Power to give \$100,000.00 to the Pavilion Fund.

Rick also thanked Kirk Knous who continuously provides both economic means and a maintenance crew to help keep the Pavilion running smoothly.

- b. Vice Chairman, Kirk Knous, presented to Rick Asbill an engraved paddle that acknowledged his 5 years on the Board as an officer and trustee. Kirk then presented an encaustic design that artist and LRA member Sandy O'Brien made of the Pavilion.

Kirk then discussed the importance of being a registered voter in Rabun County. It is important to get involved in Rabun County; most races are determined by less than 200 votes.

- c. Thad Warren gave the President's report. He stated that this was a thank you meeting. Thad said that there were many people that he needed to acknowledge. Many of these people do things that go unnoticed.
 1. David and Jeanne Cowan-Lake Rabun vs. Lake Burton golf tournament. Dave Cowan was on the winning team.
 2. Janet and Scott Saltmarsh- raised \$313.00 for the Foundation from Bingo.
 3. Leckie Stack- raised \$900.00 for the Foundation from her Tiger Mountain Wine Tasting Event.
 4. Jeanne Cowan and Felicia Lease coordinated the Flea Market. This year it was the most successful ever, raising over \$77,000.
 5. Melissa and Bobby Clinkscales- Lake Rabun clean-up
 6. John King-managing our website
 7. Carol Raeber- plaques, memorial wall and paddles
 8. Bob Voyles- new LRA disc
 9. Lisa and Ron Hinson- redid the LRA maps that were 5 years old
 10. Jimmy Blalock and Lee Keiler organizing the golf tournament. It raised \$6800.00 for the Foundation.
 11. Mike Jones-continuing to work hard to find the best insurance rates for us.
 12. Peter McIntosh-official LRA photographer
 13. Linda Sewell- Labor Day BBQ
 14. Felicia Lease- membership, directory, mailbox, and depositor
 15. Darlene Warren and Lyn Asbill- flea market dinner

Thad then asked Charlie Arp to step forward to present a plaque to Georgia Power making them the Admirals of the LRA Fleet for their kind gifts totaling \$100,000 to the Pavilion fund. Charlie stated that Georgia Power had always been great landlords to the lake community. We are thrilled to have them as corporate partners. They are our guardian angels. We appreciate all that they do on Lake Rabun.

d. Bob Voyles presented the Vice President's report:

The 4th of July BBQ had 600 people in attendance with seating for only 440, but the facility was able to handle the overflow. The fireworks were postponed because of weather but they will be held Sunday evening of Labor Day. As already stated the golf tournament raised \$6800.00 for the Foundation, thank you Jimmy Blalock and Lee Keeler.

There are new discs outside for the new members.

Bob thanked Sandy O'Brien for organizing the inaugural Rabun Ramble. There were 240 runners and \$7000.00 was raised.

Bob reported that Libby Matthews, Craig Kettles, and Michael McCaughey will be chairing the Tour of Homes next summer.

Finally, Bob discussed the pavilion gallery improvement. He asked everyone to visit the gallery after the meeting to see the improvements and asked if anyone had some photos from 1985 or earlier of people on the lake, he would like to make a copy of them for a collage to go in the gallery.

e. Nan Troutman gave the Secretary/Treasurer report:

We currently have 551 members in the LRA up from 530 last year. We are in excellent financial shape going into FY '06-'07. After paying for any outstanding expenditure for the Labor Day weekend and any stray bills we will have approximately \$4500.00 left in the account to carry us into the next fiscal year.

Thad asked Rick to discuss new trustees and Secretary/Treasurer. Rick then nominated the 8 new trustees to the general membership. Also, included on the slate was Ron Hinson, who was nominated for the Secretary/Treasurer position.

7 new Trustees were nominated for a 3 year term:

Wallace Bruce
Kitty Hartley
Craig Kettles
Maggie Miley
Dick Simms
Mary Louise Stark
Ridley Williams

Janet Saltmarsh was nominated for a 2 year term to replace Ron Hinson, who was nominated to be Secretary/Treasurer.

A motion was called and seconded, these nominees were elected unanimously. Rick Asbill was also added to the Board of Trustees as the Pavilion Chair.

Thus, the Officers for FY'07-'08, Lake Rabun Association are:

Chairman- Kirk Knous

Vice-Chairman-Thad Warren

Pavilion Chairman-Rick Asbill

President-Bob Voyles

Vice-President-Nan Troutman

Secretary/Treasurer-Ron Hinson

Buz Stone then gave a Foundation Report:

He stated that the members could find a copy of his financial report on the website. We have received more money than ever-\$101,000. The reason why we have so much money is because of the success of the flea market. The Foundation is going to give \$20,000 to help retire the Pavilion debt. It gave \$59,000 in scholarships to 25 Rabun County High School students this year. Buz stated that he was very proud of our gifts to our neighbors in Rabun County.

New Business:

Dr. Funk gave a water quality report stating that the quality was good-(just don't drink it).

Roses Longino then gave the history of the Whippoorwill award. She noted that Stuart Witham had a Chris Craft named Whippoorwill. He had received the first award. The award goes to those who give unselfishly of their time to the community of the lake. This year's recipients are Jeanne and Dave Cowan. Dave spoke about his love of the lake and thrilled to have the opportunity to serve.

Darrell Dyas requested information about the possibility of having a cingular tower put up. Kathy Swink said that she would research it.

Thad Warren then turned the meeting over to Bob Voyles the new LRA President. Thad and his wife Darlene Warren were asked to come forward. Bob presented Thad with a rocker stating that it was the custom for the out-going President to receive a rocker so that they can rock into their retirement. Then Bob presented to the Warrens' an American flag that he had painted for them in appreciation for all their hard work and dedication to the LRA over the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21.