

**Lake Rabun Association
General Membership Meeting
August 31, 2008**

Welcome/General Comments:

LRA President Bob Voyles called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

Carol Cook, Pastor of 1st United Methodist Church of Clayton, gave the invocation.

Bob then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Bob read the names of those who had passed away since last May and asked if there were any names that he might have missed. Then a moment of silence was offered in respect to the loss of those members.

Bob then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Memorial Day meeting which have been posted on the LRA website. Motion was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bob then made the following introductions and received comments as noted:

1. LRA Trustees – recognized as representatives of the membership.
2. DNR - was recognized for their efforts toward boating safety.
3. LWVFD - their representative clarified that they receive county funding only to cover gasoline and valued the LRA's financial support. The LWVFD recognized Ben McCracken for his support and presented him with an official shirt.
4. Georgia Power - Roger Harrison addressed the question of winter drawdown. While a decision has not been made, if it were to be made today Georgia Power would not draw down the lake due to the continuing drought. A final decision will be made in the coming weeks.
5. Mountain Patrol – Craig Ness was recognized for his work and spoke of his new position as Animal Control Officer for Rabun County. A bucket was passed to collect an appreciation gift for Craig.
6. Hall's Boat House – Charlie Arp thanked the members for a great year.
7. Joe Hamilton introduced Ted Mashburn (VFD) and Ted thanked the membership for supporting him through his medical issue.

Whippoorwill Award

Roses Longino presented this year's Whippoorwill Award to Charlie Arp and recognized his many contributions to the lake community over the past 30 years.

LRA Foundation Report

Buz Stone gave a Foundation report, including a brief history of the Foundation. We are currently supporting 26 students and other local community needs.

Officer's Reports:

A. Chairman's report

Kirk Knous introduced the local politicians/candidates that were at the meeting. Kirk noted the continuing property tax issues and the need to register to vote to make a difference in Rabun County.

B. Vice-Chairman's report

Thad recognized Kirk for his contributions to the LRA and the local community and presented him with his LRA Trustee boat paddle.

C. President's report (combined with Vice-President's report)

Bob Voyles and Nan Troutman recognized volunteers for their work on the following:

1. Lake Clean Up
2. Tour of Homes
3. Tiger Mountain Wine Tasting
4. July 4th Weekend Activities
5. Beach Music Weekend
6. Bingo
7. Labor Day BBQ and band party

Bob reminded everyone about the importance of boating safety and that the Pavilion photo project was underway.

E. Secretary/Treasurer report

Ron Hinson reported that our finances are sound with approximately 530 members. The Trustees voted to donate up to \$32,000 to the LRA Foundation from the expected September 31 year-end surplus. The Trustees voted to hold dues at \$200 per year, but assess a \$50 late fee for dues not paid by December 31.

Election of New Officers & Trustees

The following slate of new officers and trustees was presented:

President: Nan Troutman; Vice President: Ron Hinson; Secretary/Treasurer: Lisa Longino

Chairperson: Thad Warren; Vice-Chairperson: Bob Voyles

Trustees: Tommy Lines, Mike Swink, Donna Kay Deas, James Jernigan, Sherry Cohen, Laura Rhodes and Linda Sewell for 3 year terms. Warner Veal for 1 year term (remainder of Lisa Longino's term).

A motion to elect the above slate by acclamation was made and seconded with a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Rick Asbill reported that the Lake Rabun Pavilion mortgage had been paid in full and recognized the number of donors and those involved in the project. A “burning of the mortgage” ceremony was held complete with fire support from the LWVFD.

New Business:

Bob announced an Adelgid Seminar following the meeting.

Bob Voyles then presented incoming President Nan Troutman with her gavel and turned the meeting over to her.

Nan asked if there was a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was made, seconded and the membership voted to dismiss.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Hinson