

**LRA General Membership
Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2010**

Ron Hinson, President, opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone.

Invocation Carol Cook – Minister of Clayton First United Methodist – offered the invocation. She then announced that she has been reassigned to LaGrange, Ga and will be replaced by the Rev. Charles Green in late June 2010. She thanked the association for the privilege to serve as the boat church pastor.

Memorial Day Observance The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Ron Hinson. He then recognized those who had served in all branches of the military and offered a genuine “thank you” for their service to our country.

Membership deaths Ron Hinson noted the following deaths of LRA members over the past year: Linda Anderson; Diane Ward; Richard Bondurant; Louis Bondurant, Jr; Jean Sheldon; Dan Passerella; Bengt Stromquist; Herta Schartle; Sara Sharpe Wilson; W. H. Pool; Helen Matthews; John Wayt, Jr; Henry Read; Pat Rogers.

Recognition Ron Hinson recognized the current officers and trustees of the LRA.

Approval of Minutes of the 2009 Labor Day Meeting The minutes were unanimously approved.

Lake Rabun Foundation Scholarships Buz Stone introduced and gave a brief bio on the seven individuals who were awarded scholarships this year. They are: Christopher Sidley – Citadel; Brittany Van Brackle – Gainesville State College; Sierra Miller – Georgia College and State University; Marisela Ruis - Georgia College and State University; Kathryn Gurtler – Piedmont College; Alex Owen; Nathan Wayne – University of Georgia. Buz also announced a new scholarship in the name of Herta Schartle for a student planning to enter the field of education.

Introduction of Guests

Georgia Power Cheryl Parker offered brief comments.

DNR Chad Chambers offered thanks to the LRA for the new Towers which the association provided for the boats. He also acknowledged the pay raise which was given to the deputies and allowed the lake to be fully staffed for the summer. He announced that the DNR was offering a boating safety course on June 5th for 9am-3pm.

Mountain Patrol David Bramlett reported minimal criminal activity on the lake consisting mainly of boat house thefts. He encouraged subscribers to utilize email for timely correspondence.

Sherriff's Department Frank Andrews noted that his office had responded to over 3000 calls county-wide in the past year. He encouraged participation in the new Neighborhood Watch program.

LWVFD John Widgery announced the Fire Wise program which is an educational service designed to help home owners protect their homes from fire. He stated that many of the homes on the lake were surrounded by overgrown vegetation which would make fire fighting difficult, if not impossible.

Officer Reports

Chairman Bob Voyles requested nominations for the board of trustees which will be named at the Labor Day Meeting.

Ron Hinson and Bob Voyles met with representatives of the Tallulah River Watershed Task Force about their efforts to protect the area lakes. More information will be forthcoming.

He announced that all proceeds of LRA merchandise sales benefit the Foundation.

In 2015 the Lake Rabun community will be celebrating 100 year since impoundment of the lake. A Centennial Celebration Committee will be formed to commemorate the event.

Vice-Chairman Nan Troutman happily had nothing to report.

President Ron Hinson recognized Bob Pledger who spoke briefly about the program to save our Hemlocks. The Tiger Mountain Wine Tasting has been rescheduled for July 31st. Dave Cowan reported the continued domination of Lake Burton in the Lake Challenge golf match. All communications to members will be via email and through the LRA web site. He encouraged members to visit the site at least once per week.

Vice-President Lisa Longino went over the schedule of events for the summer.

Secretary/Treasurer Joe Mims reported that the organization is financially sound with a checking balance of \$97,000 and \$61,000 in a CD.

Ron Hinson called for any other new business. None was offered and thus the meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

A membership brunch provided by the LRA followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Joe Mims, MD
Secretary/ Treasurer