

**Lake Rabun Association
General Membership Meeting
September 2, 2011**

Welcome

Lisa Longino opened the meeting promptly at 10:00am

Invocation

Dr. Charlie Green of Clayton First United Methodist Church offered the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Memorial Day Meeting Minutes Approved unanimously

Recognition of Trustees rotating off the list

Sherry Cohen
James Jernigans
Laura Rhodes
Mike Swink
Donna Kay Deas
Tommy Lines
Linda Sewell

Introduction of New Trustees and Dan Dunwoody as the incoming Secretary of Treasury

Kelly Keeler
David Deeter
Frederico Landers
Darlene Warren
Barbara Roper
Mary Cobb Stone
Yetty Arp
Jack Dickens

Fire Boat Update

Michael Crowe thanked the LRA for paying for the engine that had broken down (cost \$4,300).

Landscape Initiative Introduction

Motion introduced to maintain the area in front of the Memorial Plaques at Hall's. Motion approved. Carol Raeber will oversee the continued landscape maintenance of the area.

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Chair

Nan Troutman noted that the board approved funding for the landscaping and maintenance of the area in front of the Memorial Plaques that is overrun with weeds and had become an eyesore.

Mentioned the Centennial Celebration will be headed up by Bob Voyles who is seeking volunteers to head up different committees.

There was special recognition to Mike Swink, who always goes above and beyond the call of duty for the LRA and it's endeavors. The set-up and tear-downs before and after events has been a selfless act of generosity. Nan thanked Mike for all of his efforts.

Vice Chair

Ron Hinson updated the bylaws for the new Foundation Fund and the bylaws were approved. The hope of the new Foundation Fund is to increase committee and member involvement. A new position was established. Associate Executive Director and Steve Raeber will be heading that position. Ron shared that the Trustees had voted on this the previous day.

Ron mentioned the Lake Drawdown would start the Sunday after Thanksgiving and the "fill-up" will last through Christmas which is a bit slower than normal.

President

Lisa Longino opened with announcing there are extra Lake Maps, LRA Signs and Directories for those who wanted to pick them up after the meeting.

Lisa recognized new members.

Lisa introduced Laura Rhodes and Kelly Cowan and mentioned how successful the "Flea Market" had been. Laura and Kelly presented Buz Stone with an oversized check for \$70,000 to the Foundation.

Sandy O'Brien was introduced and she reported on the success of the "Rabun Ramble" thanking Ga. Power for becoming a new sponsor. Sandy is looking for a successor to take her place.

Vice President

Joe Mims recognized the work of the newly formed "Social Committee" which did a tremendous job of updating the events and parties over the summer.

Joe mentioned the July 4th date for 2012 weekend is actually on a Wednesday this year, so Lake Rabun will celebrate it's events the weekend prior.

The Thanksgiving "Pot Luck" Dinner is being moved to Glen Ella Springs this year in hopes of creating a warmer, cozier environment.

Joe thanked David Stromquist for the well-run and organized LRA Golf Tournament held the weekend of July 4th and David will oversee next year's event as well.

Secretary

Ridley Williams announced that the LRA is utilizing a new Bank as Mt. Heritage was taken over by Athens Bank and Trust. The LRA is on solid financial ground with the operating account currently at \$30,000 (apprx).

Approval of New Trustees

Nan Troutman announced Dan Dunwody as the new Secretary of Treasurer nominee and the prospective Trustees were again introduced. A motion to approve Dan and the new group of Trustees was introduced and there was a second. Both motions passed.

Other Business

Ron Hinson recognized Nan Troutman's 5-year rotation as Trustee and Officer.

Foundation Financial Report

Buz Stone reports there is approximately \$322,000 in the account which is very healthy.....all requests were funded.

The Trustees voted the previous day to approve a gift of \$35,000 to LWFD (Lakemont Wiley Fire Dept) from the \$70,000 grossed at the Flea Market.

Buz introduced Steve Raeber as the New Associate Director of the Foundation.

Wipporwill Award

Carol Raeber presented this year's award to Kirk Knous

Hemlock Update

Bob Pledger urged those who had not treated their Hemlocks to do so and mentioned there are 7 Hemlock "facilitators" on Lake Rabun.

DNR, Mt. Patrol Recognized

Sunset Serenade cancelled due to the high cost of the DJ

Joe Mims recognized Lisa Longino as the outgoing President and thanked her for her service to the LRA. He presented a rocking chair as a memento of thanks. Lisa handed Joe the ceremonial gavel and Joe adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Ridley Williams
Secretary Treasurer