

LRA Membership Meeting

September 2, 2012

Minutes

Invocation by Reverend Charlie Green

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Joe Mims, President of LRA

Approval of Memorial Day minutes

Recognition of LRA Trustees

New member update welcoming Paul Murphy, Mike Tillis and family. Mimi Shaw, who recently passed away was remembered.

LRA Foundation report by Buz Stone reviewed the history of the Foundation and current status.

The purpose of the LRA Foundation is to provide governance with respect to grants from the fund, as administered through North Georgia Community Foundation. Pete Halter proposed the Foundation to provide scholarships to Rabun County Students. Melanie Dietz was the first scholarship recipient and has herself become a part of the local community and a foundation donor. Sam Wilson, a scholarship recipient and Georgia Tech mechanical engineer, has made a donation to the Foundation also. Many more success stories of students enabled to realize the American dream were related.

Five years later the mission was broadened to include charitable support for other organizations and needs in the Rabun community. Eight years ago the Foundation was elected to become part of the North Georgia Community Foundation, N.G.C.F. Buz Stone has directed the Foundation over the last 25 years. During Buz's 25 years of service over \$1,000,000 has been distributed, \$700,000.00 for 98 scholarships to local students in Rabun County, and \$350,000.00 has been donated to community charities. The relationship of the N.G.C.F. and L.W.V.F.D. as well as various committees were discussed.

Buz commented he was, "satisfied and relieved" to pass the torch to Steve, "Age is not a number but an attitude". His one request is that those who come after him "protect the Lakemont Community, love her, and take care of her, just like usual".

In honor of Buz Stone's 25 years of dedicated service to the Lakemont Community, L.R. A., and his leadership of the Foundation, the Buz Stone "Lake Rabun Cares" Award was endowed for \$75,000.00 by members of the Lake Rabun Association under the leadership of Lisa Longino and Ron Hinson. Buz received a plaque and designated a \$2,500.00 grant to go to Foxfire.

Buz reported the Foundation is healthy financially with \$300,000.00 in the account. This year \$71,000.00 was awarded in scholarships and \$19,000.00 was donated to community charities. Buz will become Director Emeritus. Steve Raeber was recognized as the new Director of the Lake Rabun Foundation.

Volunteers for the Flea Market, Tour of Homes, and other activities were recognized and thanked by the members.

Hemlock Report by Bob Pledger

Call Bob or Buz to treat the Hemlocks for wooly adelgids to prevent them from killing those beautiful trees.

Flea Market, Saturday June 15th, 2013,

Kelly Cowan and Laura Rhodes co-chairs

Volunteers requested for help and leadership

Michael Crowe will pick up donations at the Lake, and Thad Warren in Atlanta.

Laura Rhodes has barnwood available for a creative fundraiser

Centennial Celebration – Bob Voyles , chairman, envisions celebrating our Lakemont Community Centennial with many fundraising and special events . Under discussion are a wooden boat show and commemorative coffee table book. Barbara Roper, John King, Anne Pledger, and others are working on a “Living History of the Lake” a DVD oral history. Anne Pledger distributed living history surveys to be returned later in September.

The Whippoorwill Award – Roses Longino reviewed the history of the Whippoorwill Award. Originally the Whippoorwills were carved by Norwood Griffin. Now they are cast in bronze. The first Whippoorwill was presented in 2001 to Stuart Witham for his many years of service to the Lakemont Community. He had a Chris Craft by the name of “Whippoorwill”.

Each year previous recipients are eligible to vote for the current year’s recipient. Libby Matthews received the Whippoorwill Award this year for her many years of volunteer work, generous donations of art, and dedication to the Lakemont Community.

Officer Reports

Vice chairwoman, Lisa Longino thanked outgoing Chairman of the Trustees, Ron Hinson, and outgoing President of the Association, Joe Mims, for their service. Ron thanked everyone for the pleasure of serving.

President Joe Mims addressed Boater Safety. He raised his right hand and reminded all in attendance that “this is the side of the lake we should drive on, like rules of the road”. He also commended Ron, Lisa, and Ridley for their leadership and commitment to L.R.A.

Vice President Ridley Williams thanked Tour of Homes CoChairs, Sherry Cohen, Jeff Cohen, and Anne Pledger; Craig Kettles, Social Committee Chairman and Beach Party coordinator, David Stromquist, Golf Tournament Chairman, Rabun Ramble Chairman, Sandy O’Brien, and Event Planner, Kelly Keeler, for organizing the Labor Day party. He appreciated everyone’s efforts in keeping the Fourth of July safe and fun, and looks forward to the Varsity and Top 40’s Band this weekend.

Secretary/Treasurer Dan Dunwody stated the LRA is in good health financially and has \$48,082.39 presently in the account, some of which will be used for expenses this weekend, the Halloween Party, and Thanksgiving Pot Luck Supper at Glen Ella Springs. Ridley Williams has set a new standard for L.R.A. social events. Dan thanked Ridley for his leadership, all he has done, and will do. A reserve of \$62,865.98 is maintained locally in a CD.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Ron Hinson, presented paddles to the Trustees completing their terms and welcomed new Trustees. The slate of officers for 2013 was presented and elected as follows:

Chairwoman of the Board- Lisa Longino
Vice Chairman of the Board- Joe Mims. M.D.
President of the Association- Ridley Williams
Vice President- Dan Dunwody III, D.D.S.
Secretary/ Treasurer- Bob Pledger

Ridley Williams presented the traditional green Amish rocking chair to outgoing President Joe Mims for his service.

Old Business- none

New Business- none

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan D. Dunwody III, D.D.S.