

Lake Rabun Association
General membership Meeting Minutes
May. 2012

Invocation

Reverend Charlie Green from Clayton First United Methodist Church opened with prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Thanks to our service men and women serving and protecting our country

Georgia Power Company Report

Mr. Jeff Jackson discussed the Georgia Power Company's role in the tornado restoration efforts at Lake Burton and he reminded homeowners to check their homeowners' policies to be certain boat houses and other structures are included.

Mr. Barry Brookster, Hydropower Manager, informed us extensive work is planned on the flood Gates of Mathis Dam. The gates and mechanisms will be replaced over the next five years.

Rabun County Sheriff's Department

Mr. Frank Andrews discussed the low crime rate in the lake areas. He introduced the "Vial of Life Program", a new program designed to help EMT and volunteers diagnose and quickly render treatment by using a sticker on their door and placing vials with pertinent medical information in the refrigerator. Vials were available at the meeting compliments of Mr. Ridley Williams.

Fire Department Report

Chief John Widgery told us the new firehouse in the narrows is fully equipped, and he will be stepping down as chief, with John Murray taking his place as the new Chief.

Tallulah River Watershed Council

A new group formed on Lake Burton to verify water quality, etc. Alan Price and Tom Fischer made presentations. Check their website for additional information.

Officers Report

Chairman of Trustees, Ron Hinson
Vice chairman of Trustees, Lisa Longino
Vice President, Ridley Williams
Secretary-Treasurer, Dan Dunwody (financial report attached)

Centennial Report

Bob Voyles reminded us Lake Rabun turns 100 in 2015. Several committees are being formed for the commemoration. Barbara Roper will chair the oral history of the lake. Ideas under discussion include a centennial coffee table book and DVD, boat regatta and show, art of the Lake, triathlon, and a reprint of the LRA cookbook.

Save the Hemlocks Campaign

Bob Pledger told us volunteers performed 30 days of service to the community, including 4 days in the narrows, over the winter treating 1300 trees. If anyone needs help with their hemlocks call the facilitator listed on the website.

2012 Tour of Homes

Sherry Cohen, chairman, reported houses have been selected and she is looking forward to a successful foundation fundraiser on June 16th. Sponsorship levels are: Silver \$250, Gold \$500.

Rabun Ramble

Sandy O'Brien is the chairman. The Race begins Saturday June 30th @ 7:30 am. Participants may register online; chips will be issued to record times and are imbedded in the registration numbers.

4th of July

Golf Tournament: David Stromquist, chairman. The tournament will be held June 29th at the Orchards

Boat Regatta: Saturday morning boats will line up in the Big Basin. Judson and Jeanette Laws will be the honorary Lead Boat

BBQ: The Dillard House Buffet and Foxfire Boys will be Saturday June 30th at the Pavilion

Fireworks: Sunday, July 1st

Other Upcoming Events

North Georgia Arts Guild Show: July 7th at the Pavilion

Nominations for the Whippoorwill Award due July 15th

Beach Party: June 21st at the Pavilion, music by the Dirk Howell Band and Catering by Willy's Taco Truck

Labor Day Party: Sunday Sept. 2nd at the Pavilion. Catered by the Varsity, band will perform.

Lakemont University: chaired by John King. Check website for a great program schedule.

Bingo: Kelly Keeler, Chairman. Check website for information. Great family fun and prizes.

Post Thanksgiving Party: At Glen Ella Springs Friday after Thanksgiving

2013 Flea Market

Kelly Cowan, Chairman. Call Michael Crowe to begin picking up items for next year's event.

LRA website

John King and James Jernigan, co chairmen. Many thanks to both of them.

Standing Committees

Membership: Kudos to Felicia Lease, Warner Veal, and Clay Battle

Entertainment Committee: Kelly Champion

Lake Clean up Committee: Bob Clinkscales- check website for scheduled cleanup date

Memorial Plaque Committee: Carol Raeber, Chairman,- contact her to request a plaque.

New Business

Item of nutritional interest: Lisa Longino reported the availability of fresh local produce @ NortheastGA.net. Order online Sunday or Monday and pick up the produce on Wednesday at the Clarksville farmers market from 5-7 pm

LRA Member Memorial Day brunch catered by Libby Matthews will be held immediately following the meeting.

This report respectfully submitted by Dan Dunwody III, LRA Secretary Treasurer,
LRA Meeting on Sept. 2, 2012

