

# LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Louisa County Office Building  
1 Woolfolk Avenue  
Louisa, VA 23093  
**MINUTES – July 22, 2015 MEETING**

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## **DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chris McCotter, Louisa County; Jim White, Vice-Chairman; Bill Martin, Treasurer; V. Rae Jones, Orange County; Ann Heidig, Spotsylvania County; Gary Bullis, Spotsylvania County; and Bob Hardy, Louisa County, Director of Information Technology.

**Absent:** Christian Goodwin, Louisa County Administrator; Kathrine Courchaine, Louisa County Committee Secretary; Stephanie Koren, Louisa County; and Paulette Mann, Spotsylvania County Committee Secretary.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **Resolution – To Appoint the Chairman of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee**

Mr. Hardy opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Bullis nominated Ms. Heidig. There were no further nominations.

On the motion of Mr. Bullis, seconded by Mr. White, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the members adopted a resolution appointing Ms. Heidig as the Chairman of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee.

### **Resolution – To Appoint the Vice Chairman of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee**

Mr. Hardy turned the meeting over to Ms. Heidig. Ms. Heidig opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Jones nominated Mr. McCotter. There were no further nominations.

On the motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bullis, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the members adopted a resolution appointing Mr. McCotter as the Vice Chairman of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee.

### **Resolution – To Appoint the Secretary of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee**

Ms. Mann was assigned as Secretary of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee.

### **Resolution – To Appoint the Treasurer of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee**

Ms. Heidig opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer.

Mr. White nominated Mr. Martin. There were no further nominations.

On the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Bullis, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the members adopted a resolution appointing Mr. Martin as the Treasurer of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee.

## **CITIZEN'S INFORMATION PERIOD**

Ernie Hodge stated that he is representing three families. Mr. Hodge presented to the committee a formal request to move the no-wake buoys. Mr. Hodge stated the justification to do so based upon property damage and soil erosion. Mr. Hodge's presentation included the following:

- Inquiry for reevaluation of the conclusions cited by the LAAC navigation subcommittee in December of 2003;
- Noted location of current buoys;
- Explanation of how damage occurs;
- Photos of current erosion of seawall;
- Concerns of boater safety and possible boating accidents;

- Requesting to relocate the buoys further south, approximately 100 yards; and
- Proposed location of buoy.

Mr. White asked what the result of the 2003 request to move the buoys was and the reasoning for the determination.

Mr. Hodge stated that it was his understanding that George Kolter submitted the request to move the two buoys in November 2003 and someone from the LAAC subcommittee came out in December 2003. The LAAC subcommittee noted there was not much boat traffic during this time and, as a result, the LAAC did not recommend moving them. Also, at that time there was no property damage.

Mr. Hodge noted that since then there has been an increase of boat activity, and addition of the new wake style boats.

Additional discussion ensued regarding moving buoys and the original safety reason the buoys were put in place.

Discussion further ensued among the members and public regarding the safety concerns of increased boating, wake surfing, seawall damage and erosion in multiple locations.

Mr. Hodge thanked the committee for their time and consideration.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bullis to approve the minutes of May 27, 2015. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Mr. Marin said the following bills had been received for payment:

- Rainbow Graphics for decals for buoys in the amount of \$217.50.

Mr. McCotter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve payment of the invoice. The motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Navigation Subcommittee – Jean McCormick

Ms. McCormick stated that the Navigation Subcommittee was completing the tasks of lighting buoys with approximately five remaining. She also stated funding was sufficient for completion of the work.

Hydrilla Sub-Committee – Ann Heidig

Ms. Heidig said the Hydrilla Subcommittee has identified several places where Hydrilla was present and believed it had been confirmed in all of the locations (Fresh Water Creek, Ware Cove, Gold Mine Creek, Lasseter, just past hunters landing at Terrys Run, Long Run and Gold Mine Coves on the warm side, Short Cove near Stubs Bridge across from Ware Cove and the very end of Terrys Run). There was some identified on the hot side that has not yet been surveyed and there was reported at Terrys Run and Rockman Creek. These additional locations will be verified through the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DIGF) or Dominion. At the LAAC annual meeting, volunteers will be recruited to do surveys of the lake to identify Hydrilla. Training will be scheduled on August 3, 2015, at the Visitor's Center at Lake Anna State Park at 10:00 am for volunteers.

Ms. Heidig thanked Mr. and Mrs. Larry Zemke for their ongoing efforts.

Wake Surfing Subcommittee – Jean McCormick

Ms. McCormick noted some wake surfing issues that were stated above, which included safety for other boaters, paddling sports, jet skis, small boats, pontoons and other recreational vessels. There was a concern that sports activities were not being performed on the water safely, and concerns of citizens were acting out on weekends and high wakes.

The Wake Surfing Committee recommended that the existing Spotsylvania and Louisa ordinances be changed to a status of 200 feet for wake surfing and 100 feet for other towing actives as a common rule with a Class IV Misdemeanor Violation and Orange County enact a similar ordinance for consistency of expectations and enforcement on Lake Anna.

Ms. McCormick stated the committee had met with Louisa Law Enforcement, Spotsylvania Law Enforcement and the DGIF, in which all three entities were in strong agreement that something needed to be done regarding this issue and there needed to be a uniform ordinance by all three counties to address this and make it enforceable.

A citizen commented that he was impressed with the recommendation. He noted that he just replaced his bulkhead in front of his property and spent over \$7,000.00 because a wake came over and the backwash pushed the bulkhead into the lake. He was sympathetic to those who enjoyed sports; however, they should not have free-range to play havoc on everyone else's property. He agreed the 200 feet would be a good start and he supported it.

Further discussion ensued regarding the study Pennsylvania requested the Naval Academy to complete regarding the decrease of wave energy at 300ft vs. 200ft.

Mr. Matthew Smith asked for the facts on the actual size of the wakes created and if the wakes were in fact at 5 feet. Mr. Smith said safety was a large concern for him.

Ms. Maureen Daniels asked for more information regarding the size of wakes.

Further discussion ensued between members and citizens regarding size of waves, wakes, safety, and erosion.

On the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the LAAC voted to table a decision on the recommendation by the Subcommittee.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Orange County on September 30, 2015 at 7:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bullis made a motion, seconded by Mr. White to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

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Kathrine Courchaine, Louisa County Secretary

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Date