

LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Louisa County Office Building
1 Woolfolk Ave, Louisa Virginia 23093
MEETING MINUTES – May 26, 2021

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Mr. Marshall called the May 26, 2021; meeting to order at 7:09 pm., Mr. Marshall determined there was not a quorum.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Kevin Marshall, Vice Chairman; Dick Shrum, Treasurer; Jim White; Sarah Marshall; Christian Goodwin; Anne Melle*

**Ms. Melle arrived late*

Absent: Chris McCotter, Duane Adams, Robert Egan, Jeff Palmer

CITIZEN'S INFORMATION PERIOD

A LACA representative addressed the Committee stating she has been trying to get Dominion to approve a “no towing” zone markers on the private side, specifically on the canals due to safety issues. Dominion has denied LACA's request, and now LACA would like to seek LAAC's help on these “no towing” issues.

Mr. Marshall stated due to not having a quorum no action would be taken and suggested adding this to the next meeting's agenda.

Mr. Shrum said it was his recollection, LAAC has voted and approved the “no towing” in canals. Mr. Shrum said this was the alternative for the “no wake” in the canals.

Ms. Marshall stated LAAC did reach out to Dominion and request a “no tow” zone. Ms. Marshall said based on the information provide Dominion decided against their request. However, Dominion continues to monitor safety situations on LKA and if at any time things change, they would revisit the “no tow” zone.

BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Shrum gave a brief overview of the Treasurer's Report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Casale referenced his map stating there are seven areas they are currently monitoring right now and gave a brief explanation of the handout. Mr. Casale said the issue he is having is this year there is no August meeting and LAAC will need to decide/approve a treatment plan for hydrilla at their July meeting. Mr. Casale stated the problem that is arising is he will have to guess on what the issues with hydrilla will be and recommend a treatment plan without fully having all the information needed.

Mr. Marshall suggested at the July meeting approving a certain amount of acreage to be treated or having a meeting in August.

The Committee agreed to make a recommendation to the Chairman on meeting dates.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

BOAT SAFETY

Mr. Harler addressed the Committee asking for them to approve a small budget for posters for Boat Safety Week. Mr. Harler said there would be signage reminding people of three safety tips that WSIA promotes:

- Watch your wake
- Play music at reasonable levels
- Minimize repetitive passing

Mr. Harler introduced his colleague Becky Wyckoff to the Committee.

Ms. Wyckoff said she is looking to do a Women's Boat Safety Brunch Class. Ms. Wyckoff stated during this brunch she would be teaching women safety tips on how to drive and operate a boat, towing, and wake safety.

Mr. Shrum asked regarding this event, what are we looking at cost wise.

Mr. Harler said for everything, it would be roughly hundred dollars.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made, and seconded, to approve an amount of two hundred dollars to the Recreational Committee. The motion passed.

Buoy Application Submissions

Ms. McCormick stated things have been running smoothly with buoys this year; there has been good communication and response to buoy replacement and safety issues. Ms. McCormick said DWR has come out and done their inventory and have reported five buoys will need to be replaced due to damage and discoloration. Buoys were ordered back in February but due to COVID, it is extremely hard to receive them at this time and it has not been delivered.

Mr. Marshall asked once a buoy is approved by DWR, what is the normal timeline of the buoy being placed at the site it was requested.

Ms. McCormick said once approved and the buoy is ordered, it can take roughly anywhere from six weeks to two months for the buoy to be placed.

Mr. Marshall stated he spoke with his Zoning Administrator and DWR regarding buoys. Mr. Marshall said LAAC makes recommendation on buoys but ultimately DWR has the final approval. Mr. Marshall stated he is in the process of trying to streamline this process because as it stands right now, LAAC may not have a meeting until the end of August and would not be able to provide any recommendations until then. Mr. Marshall proposed having DWR process the whole application and only contacting LAAC for a recommendation, this would make the process of getting a buoy approved faster. Mr. Marshall recommended LAAC write a letter to DWR recommending this process.

Ms. Marshall said state code does not require a recommendation from LAAC, the Counties are currently requesting this recommendation. In the past, there has been multiple buoys that were approved, but only a few that have come before the Committee as a whole for their recommendation. Ms. Marshall said as it currently stands now once a County is notified of a buoy application they will then notify the adjoining property owners of this application via mail. Ms. Marshall asked the Committee for a clarification on their role in the buoy application process.

Mr. Goodwin stated from Louisa's standpoint, we compelled a timeline in our code of thirty days to get the application and any supporting information to DWR, DWR then has thirty days to approve or deny the application. Mr. Goodwin said right now that Louisa is sending buoy application to the Chairman of LAAC and to Ms. McCormick for recommendation.

Mr. Marshall recommended taking the Zoning Departments out of the buoy application process and adding the Sheriff's department into the process.

Ms. Melle asked who is going to do the paperwork for the applications.

Mr. Goodwin stated as the code currently reads a governing body will need to handle the process of buoys. If decided for the Sheriff's Office to handle this the code would need to reflect this change. Mr. Goodwin suggested drafting a protocol that all three Counties can use to lay out timelines, who we want to get input from, etc. Mr. Goodwin stated his administrative staff currently handles the buoy application process.

Discussion ensued regarding buoy application submissions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 24, 2021

Motion and Vote: A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the March 24, 2021, LAAC meeting minutes. The motion passed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in Spotsylvania County on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: A motion was made, and seconded, to adjourn the May 26, 2021, LAAC meeting. The motion passed.

Eleni Rackley, Louisa County Secretary

Date