
LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda

Wednesday- March 24, 2021

Orange County

112 West Main Street – Orange, VA 22960

*Please note, if you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Eleni Rackley
At 540-967-3400 or by email (erackley@louisa.org)*

Regular Business Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order - Chris McCotter, Chairman

Roll Call – Secretary

Citizen's Information Period

Approval of Minutes

1. January 27, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Bills for Reimbursement (if any)

Treasurer's Report: Richard “Dick” Shrum, Treasurer

Subcommittee Reports

New Business

1. Discussion – Creek Channel/ Lake Bottom Maintenance
2. Discussion -General Assembly Update

Next Meeting

The next Lake Anna Advisory Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in Louisa County.

Adjournment

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LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard E. Holbert Building
Spotsylvania County
MINUTES – January 27, 2021 MEETING

DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER

Mr. McCotter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chris McCotter, Chairman; Richard “Dick” Shrum, Treasurer; Kevin Marshall, Spotsylvania County; Anne Melle, Spotsylvania County; Bobby Egan, Spotsylvania County; Robert Egan, Spotsylvania; Sarah Marshall, Dominion Energy; Jim Palmer, Orange County

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Chairman

Motion and vote: On a motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Egan, the Committee voted Chris McCotter as Chairman of the Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman

Motion and vote: On a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Marshall, the Committee voted Kevin Marshall as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer

Motion and vote: On a motion by Ms. Melle, seconded by Mr. Marshall, the Committee voted Mr. Shrum as Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

The proposed meeting schedule is as follows:

- January 27, 2021 – Spotsylvania
- March 24, 2021 – Orange
- May 26, 2021 – Louisa
- July 28, 2021 – Spotsylvania
- September 22, 2021 – Orange
- November Date TBD

Motion and vote: On a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Palmer, the Committee adopted the 2021 Meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN’S INFORMATION PERIOD

Jason Murnock with RES, on Stream and Shoreline Restoration

He presented their program and how they can help localities with funding. After his brief presentation he directed everyone to read more information by going to <http://res.us/capabilities/restoring-at-scale>.

The Committee thanked Mr. Murnock for his time and presentation.

Cathy Hall: She stated that she is a property owner at Runnymede and that the lake is not wide enough for wake surfing as it damages the shoreline. She provided examples of being thrown off of a jet ski as well as personal injury.

Greg Baker: He stated that a 750-1000 ft. setback from the shoreline should be achieved or no wake surfing should be permitted. He stated that out of their 750 members, 7% believe there should be a 100 ft. setback, 83% believe there should be a 200 ft. setback, and 12% of membership believes wake surfing should be banned completely.

Jean McCormick: She stated that she has spent the last seven years as the Chairperson of the Navigation Subcommittee and when she received this application, she sent it to Mr. McCotter. She advised that she is in full support of a no wake buoy at this location.

Maureen Daniels: She stated that we've been talking about this since 2013 and hopes that everyone can enjoy the lake together.

Donna Curly, She stated that she is in full support of the no wake buoy at this location. She stated that Barry Jett is in full support. She stated that a boater is responsible for their own wake. She also thanked the Committee for their work on the harmful algae bloom.

Brad Curly: He stated that he is also in full support of the no wake buoy at this location and described an accident on their dock from someone's wake.

Willie Kelly: He discussed the harmful algae blooms.

Kyle Austin: He discussed his experience with wake surfing and that wake board boats hate shallow water so they tend to not be close to shorelines naturally.

There was discussion about a letter from Ms. Marshall regarding towing zones and it was read into the record. The letter was in response to a letter regarding no towing zones in canals on waster heat treatment side of the lake.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- December 3, 2020

Motion and vote: Ms. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Palmer to approve the minutes with suggested changes by Ms. Melle. The motion passed unanimously.

BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Shrum stated that he received no bills for payment and assumed that there were none outstanding.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Shrum provided an update on Committee's accounts.

The Committee accepted the Treasurer's report.

Mr. Marshall expressed that as we continue to spend money to better the lake, all three counties need to pony up. He stated that some of the issues on the lake are caused by Orange County.

There was discussion that Orange has not funded LAAC for some time and Mr. Shrum expressed that all three counties should be equal contributor.

Mr. McCotter encouraged Mr. Shrum to work with Orange to gain funding. There was also discussion about speaking at their budget public hearing to express the need for funding.

Mr. Adams stated that Louisa County has been contributing and Spotsylvania also does their part.

Subcommittee Reports:

Ms. McCormick stated that she hasn't been out and also hasn't received any calls regarding visual reports with buoy issues.

Mr. Cassell discussed recent updates regarding hydrilla. He stated that they treated late last summer. He discussed that they can use 100 carp at \$1624 to put carp in the flats where navigation is hindered. He stated that hydrilla surveys will begin in early June and end mid-July. He stated that they are hoping to not have to use all of the \$11,000. He also briefly discussed that because of Covid, a lot of the vendors will not bring the carp to us. A permit will need to be applied for to place the carp.

Mr. McCotter raised concerns about voting on this tonight.

Motion and vote: Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shrum to spend \$1694 on 100 grass carp. The motion passed unanimously.

There was also discussion about the HAB report from Solitude and that they are very pleased at what they've seen so far. All of the sediment sampling is completed.

Ms. Marshall asked that the report be sent to her.

Mr. Steve Harler, owner of Mid-Atlantic Watersports: He stated that his daughter is world champion wake surfer and it is important that the information regarding wake surfing is factual and data driven. He stated that education is key and if we don't do this, people continue the same behaviors.

There was discussion about reporting to the Sheriff's office and that a proposal needs to take place at grass roots level.

Mr. Egan stated that he appreciates Mr. Harler's passion about wanting to educate folks on wake surfing.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion about No Wake buoys applications.

Mr. Marshall stated that the three-part process is ridiculous and we need to streamline the process.

There was discussion about the sheriff's offices upholding the law and that the players involved cause a lot of confusion.

Ms. Melle stated that while she appreciates the comments, the code is clear and provides the process. She stated that the current application is following the law and the Counties have delegated the decision to us.

Motion and vote: Ms. Melle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shrum to approve the no wake buoy at Runnymede.

Mr. Adams stated that the two buoys on each end make it a choke point and brings boat traffic into a narrow area. He stated that this may cause another issue and impact more people. He stated that he will not support the way it is now presented.

Amended Motion and vote: Ms. Melle made a friendly amendment to her motion and Mr. Shrum seconded it. The motion is to approve the no wake buoy application but allow DWR to determine the number and placement of such buoys. The motion passed 4-3-1.

Mr. Egan expressed concern about this application and stated that it is an accident waiting to happen.

NEW BUSINESS

LAAC Position on Red Ball Buoys

There was a brief discussion about the proliferation of red ball buoys and them not being removed in a timely manner.

Ms. McCormick stated that the red balls are illegal and must go through the application process.

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Orange County on March 24, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Paulette Mann, Spotsylvania County Secretary

Date

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