

LWPOA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

June 10, 2025

3:30 PM (CST)

Wedowee Winery (Upstairs)

Wedowee, AL 36278

Call to Order –(Steve Blaskowski) On May 13, 2025, Scott Blaskowski, Chair, called the LWPOA meeting to order at 3:30 CST. Heather Enger made a motion to open the meeting, Woody McClintock seconded this motion.

Attendance- Heather Enger, Woody McClintock, Steve Blaskowski, John Beaty, Tut Smith, and Therol Brown were present.

Guest Present: None– Non-Board Present: Secretary/Treasurer: Lorie Teal

Absent: Pat Lettieri, Scott Teal, and Susan Urquhart

- **Approval of May 2025 Minutes** –Steve Blaskowski asked for approval of May 2025 minutes as written. John Beaty made a motion to adopt minutes as written. Heather Enger 2nd this motion. Minutes are approved as written.
- **Membership** – (Lorie Teal) on June 11, 2025 we had 458 members. 303 are renewed & 155 are new.

Old Business:

- **Results of Voting for 3 New Board Members** (Steve Blaskowski)
 - Terri Conkle-majority approved
 - Sonya Miller- majority approved
 - Walter Israel - withdrew his name from the ballot on June 6
- New ballot has been created. Woody will send ballot out to members for voting. Voting will end on June 14. Steve will call all 3 new board members to welcome them and invite to summer picnic and July LWPOA meeting.
- 3 retiring Board Members and 3 New Board Members will be recognized/ introduced at our Summer Picnic. Barry Morris and Frank Varsico will also be recognized for their work over the years to accomplish the mission of LWPOA.
- **Water Safety Update** (Steve Blaskowski)
 - Update of Signage Posted- not accomplished yet. Signs are not in.
 - Update of Buoys Ordered- not accomplished yet. Steve will order this week.
- **Directory Progress** (Lorie Teal)
 - Update of Directories- Woody, Pat and Lorie have a meeting scheduled with Kelly to review the directories. They are ready to proof. Lorie will create a new list of members and phone numbers for our new board members.
- **Summer Picnic- (Heather) June 28 @ The Range**
 - Woody will repost the invite several times before the deadline as a reminder to members.
 - **Deadline is June 15-** A final number will be given to Heather.
 - John Beaty stated there were plenty of brochures and decals left in the storage shed from Frog Level. We will not order more.
 - Heather will converse with The Range to know how many we must have to keep the Summer Picnic as it is planned.
 - Lorie will have name tags for everyone who is scheduled to attend ready for the picnic. Lorie will not be able to attend due to a family wedding on this same weekend.

New Business:

- **Discussion on LWPOA Meeting Day and Time Moving Forward** (Steve)-
 - Steve suggested we review meeting times and days with the 3 new members to ensure our current day and time is the best time to meet for all.
- **Discussion on Limiting Fisherman Poles Per Boat** (Steve)-

- Steve shared his discussion with Jack Burnside about his desire to limit the number of fishing poles a fisherman can have a one time. The concern is that many boaters come in from out of state and take hundreds of pounds of fish out of lake throughout the year. Jack suggested we work with DNR to limit poles per person. No other discussion occurred.
- **Discussion on our charter to better encourage membership involvement (Steve)-**
 - Steve stated that creating a LWPOA Charter might encourage membership involvement. This is something that can be considered for the future.
- **Share Information from WLIA (Weiss Lake Improvement Association) for LWPOA Growth (Steve)**
 - Steve shared information about successes of WLIA as possible items we might consider in the future to grow our involvement and membership.
 - Possible initiatives are:
 - Create a donate now button on our webpage
 - Offer Dam Tours, Trail Tours, Golf Outings, Crappie Rodeo, Kids Trash Rodeo
 - Create Membership Cards
 - Offer automatic renewals for 3 year and offer a discount
 - Offer Zoom Meeting for LWPOA monthly meetings
 - For action now, it was recommended that we take our lake map and add labels to show where communities are located on the lake (ie...Piney Woods, Wedowee Creek, Crescent Crest...). Woody will work on this for a possible future LWPOA resource to give the local realtors for potential property owners.
 - It was also recommended that we create a survey to send to the public soon (members and nonmembers) to get their feedback of what they would like to see LWPOA accomplish. Lorie will send a Google Doc with a draw of questions to get this process started. Once the survey is completed Lorie will enter into Jotform so Woody can send the link to gather the data in a readable format. Survey will be coming soon.
- **Committees Updates: (Steve)**
 - **Revise Committee Chairs/ Co-Chairs as needed-** Please be looking at the list of committees. We will make changes to this next month with our new LWPOA Board Members. It is suggested to remove Kids Fishing Day and Fishing Habitat Initiatives since both of these have been found non sustainable.
 - Boating/Lake Safety – **Frank Varisco**, Tom Lettieril
 - Fish Habitat – **Scott Teal**, Therol Brown (consider removing this initiative)- Removed
 - Hospitality – **Heather Enger**
 - Kids Fishing Day – **Laura Krug**, Scott Teal (consider removing this initiative)- Removed
 - Lake Clean-up – **Steve Blaskowski**, Frank Varisco, Bob May, Rob Perry (consider expanding trash pick up in conjunction with AL Power)
 - Membership – **Tut Smith**, Pat Lettieri (consider creating a membership kit to give to realtors and consider creating a lake map labelling subdivisions and tributary names.)
 - Publicity/Social Media – **Susan Urquhart**, Laura Krug
 - Relicensing – **Barry Morris**,
 - Water Quality – **Frank Varisco**, Tom Lettieri, Tommy Bell, Steve Blaskowski
 - Website/Email Broadcast – **Wood McClintock**, Susan Urquhart
 - Facebook- **Wood McClintock**, Susan Urquhart (consider using Zoom during meetings to communicate more with members on FaceBook)
 - Wake Surf Regulations- **Frank Varisco**, **Woody McClintock**
- **Adjourn** – John Beaty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Therol Brown 2nd this motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:30. The next general meeting will be held July 8, 2025, 3:30 PM, location is Wedowee Winery. Our 3 new board members will begin board meetings at this time.