

LWPOA BOARD MEETING Minutes
August 11, 2026
12:30 PM (CST)
Wedowee First United Methodist Church
Wedowee, AL 36278

Call to Order –(Woody McClintock)

Approval of July 14, 2026 Minutes(Woody McClintock)

Membership – (Lorie Teal) As of August 1,2026 we have 342
__(from Zeffy Members List) for 2026.

- We ended the year with 470 members for 2025.

Board Attendance: Alex Shew, Sonya Miller, Terri Conkle, Bridgette Hannah , Woody McClintock, Tracy Wilson, Lissa Calhoun, Loretta Coleman, John Beaty

LWPOA Secretary: Lorie

Guest Speakers: Trooper Brown, Trooper Pinkard

Non-Committee Business:

- **IRS Update for unfiled taxes (Woody)**
 - Late May we received an IRS penalty of 1354.60 for taxes not filed in 2021- On June 23 Lorie sent a letter to IRS requesting online access and to be reimbursed for this penalty and all other penalties resulting from previous boards not filing taxes for 5 consecutive years. IRS replied they need until September 28, 2026 to respond to our request.
- **Results from Meeting with Gene Crouch (Woody)**
 - Information and enrollment sheet suggested (HOA and Realtor / Attorney versions)
 - HOA meeting attendance
 - Meeting was informative and helpful for future membership planning
- **Rebranding Progress Update (Ally)**
 - Lake Wedowee Preservation Organization of Alabama (Option 4 approved)
 - Logo Choices
 - Roll Out Timeline through December 2026

Committee Updates

- **Preservation & Safety Education - Bridgette**
 - Update on development of an Outdoor Learning & Safety Initiative
 - Trooper Brown asked that we share their safety information and when they offer classes. He has no way to get this information to the community. He is willing to do classes for us anytime of year except major holidays. Evening times for classes are available. Saturdays are not popular for Wedowee. 8 hours classes are required, but this can be split into multiple days to equal 8 hours.
 - Trooper Pinkard- Everyone seems to be aware of the new 200' distance rule. What more need to know is...You must have boaters safety from your home state. If you are a non-resident of AL and take the AL Boater's class, the V endorsement must be added to licenses for it to be official. Many non-residents are not aware of this. Also life jackets must be Coast Guard Approved for it to be acceptable.
 - Both troopers are designated to the lake, they do not cover anything but the lake.

- Summer months can not patrol before 11:00 AM.
- After Summer can not patrol before 10:00 AM.
- Most safety issues are up little river, creeks, North of North Marina, hotel and Swagg
- Law states wake board law is only in action if the skier is in action.
- Boat endorsement is aggressively being enforced.
- 200' with wake boards are aggressively being enforced. 100' isn't as enforced if no houses are near. 5 lakes (Wedowee, Smith, Weiss, Martin and Shoal Creek) have both of these laws.
- ALEA is working on an interactive map to show where dangers are more prominent, troopers are not sure where this APP development is as of today. Two other apps were mentioned that are similar to WAZE for boaters reporting dangers on the lake and updating those obstacles.
- We will always run our safety announcements through Troopers first before posting.
- ALEA would like to get us to host classes via Zeffy campaign with a minimum of 7 people.
- If we decide to provide life jackets –DNR is responsible for boat ramps. State Park is responsible for Flat Rock.
- If we could help with one thing for ALEA, what would it be? Prevent drinking and boating.

• **Fish Habitat and Lake Navigation - John**

- Buoy placement protocol
 - Hazard Buoys must be a hazard at full pool per ALEA.
 - We are not looking to solicit requests. If someone requests a buoy we will transfer the request to the Trooper to approve.

• **Lake Clean-Up - Woody, Lissa**

- Dates set for October 20-22, 2026
- Need local businesses called for donations
 - Woody passed around the donations list. Everyone was asked to mark who they will contact and begin contacting as soon as we have all the details. \$100 vs. \$250. Lorie will update this sheet and share out. Money must be paid by September 9 to be included on the sign.
- Meal providers (Chick-Fila (Lorie), Heather Breakfast (Terri)?, W. Animal Hospital (2 breakfast days (Woody), Nelson's (Sonya), Boondocks (Sonya)
- Bob will follow up on porta potties
- Lunch locations are set for...
 - Foster Bridge (Tuesday)
 - Rice Pavilion (Wednesday) Lorie will request
 - 48 Hwy (Thursday)
- Check Walgreens coupons for printing canvas sign (Lissa)

• **Water Quality – Tracy**

- No progress on chairman position

- **Social Media – Ally**
 - FB admin access finally granted
- **Membership & Hospitality – Terri, Sonya**
 - Fall Annual Meeting Plan (Total budget allotted \$700)
 - Location: Mia's @ Marina September 19
 - 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
 - Food TBD – Wide variety with Juice. We have a coffee pot. We can buy alcohol for Mimosa. (no table cloths needed). Planning for 40 to 60 people.
 - Speakers / Agenda- Possible speakers: Woody for 2026 Overview, Search & Rescue, 2 Commissioners, Alabama Water Testing, Kyle Welcher, John Brown (sponsor at Marina), AL Power (Adam)
 - Raffle off life jackets, tackle box, Yeti Cooler, Turtle Box,
 - Sonya working with Loretta for Zeffy Campaign Setup on this event- Loretta will do this.
 - Our wood sign and flag will be left with Mia @ Marina (Sonya).
- **Financials – Loretta**
 - **Zeffy Campaigns & Communications – Loretta**

Event Timelines (not all inclusive)

	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Re-branding Planning & Prep	Fall Meeting Debut?						Implement / Shirts via renewals
Tax & Legal Requirements							
Shirt strategy							
Member communications							
Preservation & Safety Ed Program							
Research, define, partner, implement							
Tax Filing Resolution							
Member Activities			Fall Meeting	Lake Clean-up			
Realtor LWPOA Insert							

Adjourn – Loretta Coleman made a motion to adjourn, John Beaty seconded this motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:00. The next general meeting will be held September 8 , 2026 12:30 PM, location is Wedowee First United Methodist Church.