

LWPOA BOARD MEETING Minutes
June 9, 2026
12:30 PM (CST)
Wedowee First United Methodist Church
Wedowee, AL 36278

Call to Order –(Woody McClintock)

Members Present: Wood McClintock, Loretta Coleman, Steve Blaskowski, Terri Conkle (virtually), John Beaty, Pat Lettieri, Tut Smith, Alex Shewbirt, Bridget Hannah, Tracy Wilson

Absent: Sonya Miller

Approval of May 5, 2026 Minutes(Woody McClintock) Lissa Calhoun made a motion to approve May minutes, Terri Conkle seconded this motion. Minutes are approved.

Membership – (Lorie Teal) As of June 1,2026 we have **301** (from Zeffy Members List)for 2026

- We ended the year with 470 members for 2025.
- Zeffy emails will now be forwarded to Woody and Lorie for deposits and new members. Lorie shared that the number listed above is from the current Zeffy reports. This number is correct according to the Zeffy report. Lorie will continue to use this report for reporting members instead of the previous report which had duplicates.
- Tut restated his vision of automatic renews for members. This option has recently been added to Zeffy but members must sign up for it. It was suggested that we publicize this option to get more automatic renewals for the future. We have emailed 170 past members, 3 times. We are considering splitting these 170 up and calling them to get renewals. We have a two year old database that we could mail a letter again, if needed. Alex suggested we consider Facebook Advertisement to get those members back and new members.
- Alex asked the board to consider what we can give or sell members t-shirts to show membership. Creating and selling t-shirts was discussed as an option. More research needs to be done to determine the consequences of LWPOA selling t-shirts for a profit. It is suggested we first prioritize what our priorities are, logo change, brand, who we are and why we exist.
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Old Business:

- **Reflection on Raise The Lake Event (Woody)**
 - Overall great feedback from attendees. New members joined. Great turn out. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event. Members appreciated not having to pay for their meal. Terri Conkle shared that Bobbers will do things at cost for us. It was suggested that we do more and be more visible throughout the year.
- **Reflection on Frog Level Booth (Woody)**
 - Lots of conversations were had. 2 members renewed. We will try again in the Fall Art Show. Tracy shared that the tent leaks. It was suggested that we should consider replacing the tent.
- **IRS Update for unfiled taxes (Woody)**
 - Late May we received an IRS penalty of 1354.60 for tax returns not filed in 2021- this has been paid. Lorie will contact the IRS to ask this fee be refunded and this and all future penalties be forgiven. Lorie will also work to get a transcript from the IRS for LWPOA to know their perception of what past boards have and have not done in regard to filing taxes.
- **Brainstorming for Possible LWPOA Rebranding (Ally)**
 - Ally expounded upon the 3 ideas below. Consideration was given to a new logo and or rebranding to better describe our purpose to members and potential members. Several potential members push back when they hear POA as they associate it with an HOA. A new initiative was discussed as possibility: Wood Duck Houses
 - More discussion on rebranding will continue at the next LWPOA meeting.
 - **Option 1: Lake Wedowee Preservation & Outreach Alliance**

Emphasizes both conservation/preservation and community outreach/education, while “Alliance” feels welcoming and collaborative.

- **Option 2: Lake Wedowee Preservation Organization & Alliance (Ally)**

More official/nonprofit-style feel while still sounding conservation-focused and community-oriented

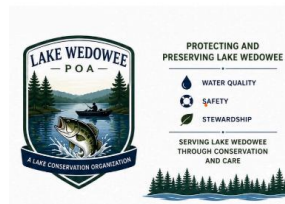
- **Option 3: Lake Wedowee Preservation & Operations Association (Ally)**

Could work well since the organization helps support actual lake projects, cleanups, safety initiatives, events, and operational efforts tied to the lake itself.

Option 2



Option 3



*Sharing more...(Ally)



New Business:

- **Abandonment of County Roads (Steve)**

- Discuss Email from Member- Steve shared that he had a member reach out asking LWPOA to fix our roads. It was suggested that we invite Chris Lungsford to our Fall Meeting to address these kinds of issues since they are not within our control or influence. Woody will contact Christ to share with him this concern and ask him to attend our meeting and speak. It was also suggested to have Martha Hunter talk @ AL Rivers (Pat has her contact).

- **Lake Wedowee Outdoor Learning & Safety Initiative (Bridgette)**

- Bridgette shared more on the vision for this initiative. Members are looking for resources in these areas. Bridget proposed we teach lake stewardship and education through hands-on science learning. Other areas proposed for learning: Water Safety, Dock Safety, Community Water Safety, Outdoor learning program with a focus on water testing and wildlife identification, PALS, ALEA, AL Power, 4H, Boy Scouts, Home School Groups, Governors Office of Hwy Safety and ALEA. Tracy suggested tapping into community partnerships who already have programs such as these and partner with them to educate the members and community. Bridget will get more information and propose next steps at future LWPOA Meetings.

- **Review of Committees**

- Obsolescence / Scope Revisions

- Chairman assignments
- Committee update routine (frequency, content, etc.)- Woody will update the committees below to ensure each committee has a chair that reports monthly to LWPOA Board. For future meetings the agenda will be centered around committees to keep us focused on our initiatives and purpose in all that we do. Woody commended Steve for his leadership and positive implementation of Zeffy and reducing the cost of expenses for LWPOA. Next month's agenda will reflect the committee changes of layout and chairs.
- Board Members Completed Term:
 - Tut Smith, Pat Lettieri and Steve Blaskowski- LWPOA Board thanked each member for their service of a 3 year term and leadership within these years. Lake Wedowee Cutting Boards were given with a personalized message thanking each board member who is retiring.

Committees:

- Boating/Lake Safety – **Steve Blaskowski**
- Fish Habitat- **John Beaty**
- Hospitality – **Terri Conkle**, Sonya Miller
- Lake Clean-up – **Steve Blaskowski**, Bob May, Rob Perry
- Membership – **Tut Smith**, Pat Lettieri
- Publicity/Social Media- **Woody McClintock**
- Relicensing – **Barry Morris**,
- Water Quality – **Susan Urquhart**, Steve Blaskowski
- Website/Email Broadcast –**Woody McClintock**,
- Facebook- **Woody McClintock**,
- Wake Surf Regulations- **Woody McClintock**
- Financials- **Loretta Coleman**

Adjourn – Steve made a motion to adjourn, Tracy seconded this motion. The meeting adjourned. The next general meeting will be held July 14, 2026 12:30 PM, location is Wedowee First United Methodist Church.