

## Lake Burton Civic Association

### Annual Meeting

June 11, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the Lake Burton Civic Association was held at Fred's Shed. President Linda Dixon called the meeting to order at 5:30. President Dixon thanked all present for their support during the terrible tragedy of the April 27<sup>th</sup> tornado. Special recognition was given to the Mountain Patrol, Sheriff Andrews and his department as well as individuals who contributed in aiding the Lake residents during this crisis. President Dixon thanked our caterers, Lake Burton Grocery and our entertainment, "The Front Porch Gliders"

The minutes of last year's annual meeting are posted on the LBCA web page and hard copies were available. The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed. The financial statements were presented as posted on the web page and hard copies were available. The motion was made and seconded to accept the financial statements as presented.

Tees Booth, Chairperson of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers: Vice President, Peter Anzo, Secretary, Becky Callahan, Treasurer, Janis Stapleton, One year director, John Dearing, Two year director, Bob Cowhig, Three year directors, Tees Booth, Bruce Keenan, Danielle Warth. The motion was made and seconded to accept the nominees as presented. The motion passed. Tees thanked the other members of the nominating committee for their work. The other members of the committee were: Linda Dixon, Jim Holmes, Stacey Rubin and Mark Swiecichowski.

Buzz Williams of the Chattooga Conservancy spoke about the Stekoa Creek Park project and the benefit for the community. The Conservancy's goal is to protect the Chattooga River and its tributaries.

Donna Shearer of Save Georgia's Hemlocks discussed the Hemlock Help Program and encouraged all residents to take advantage of the information available to protect these valuable trees from the invasive insect pests that are killing the trees.

Lynn Cowhig encouraged all members to participate in the "Fund Run" that will be held on the weekend before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and that since some of the members will not be able to participate and they are encouraged for the first time to make a donation of at least \$50 and they will receive a "Fund Run" T shirt. The monies collected all benefit our fire departments.

Hal Rhoad, who has for many years spearheaded the presentation of the Fire Works on the Saturday before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, encouraged everyone to send in their donations to support the fireworks.

Director Mark Swiecichowski discussed the work of the Department of Natural Resources and his work with the Department to keep our Lake safe. The LBCA hires off duty deputies to accompany DNR officers on the weekends. Mark also discussed his work with the Mountain Patrol.

Sheriff Andrews discussed the tornado crisis and thanked the Mountain Patrol, and Senator Jim Butterworth for all their help during this tragic time.

Senator Jim Butterworth introduced Lt. Governor Casey Cagle. Lt. Governor Cagle spoke about the roll of state government in a time of crisis. He encouraged everyone who had damage from the tornado to apply to FEMA before June 28, 2011. The GMEA will fight hard to get what our residents deserve. He further spoke about the importance of a sense of community and our appreciation for each other.

Director Bill Russell introduced Attorney General Sam Olens. The Attorney General spoke about the role of his office and cases that are pending in state government.

President Dixon thanked everyone who helped with the clean up day in May and encouraged the members to participate in the next clean day up on July 16, 2011.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Lake Burton Grocery served a delicious barbeque supper and the "Front Porch Gliders" provided great Blue Grass Music.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca E. Callahan, Secretary