

Lake Burton Civic Association

Spring Board Meeting

May 15, 2011

The Lake Burton Civic Association Board met at the home of past president Sid Kollme at 1:00 on May 15, 2011. President Linda Dixon called the meeting to order. All members were present: Peter Anzo, Tees Booth, Becky Callahan, Linda Dixon, Bob Fink, Wayne NeSmith, Bill Russell, Stacey Rubin, Janis Stapleton, Mark Swiecichowski. Past presidents attending were Bill Bomar, Jim Higdon, Jim Holmes, Elizabeth Koets, Sid Kollme, and Ken Lynch. Absent was past president, Cynthia Whitney. Visitors attending the meeting were John Barnett and Nolan Leake. President Dixon reviewed the progress of the tornado clean up. Georgia Power will have all the floating debris removed by Memorial Day. Georgia Power has brought in barges and cranes to remove as much debris as possible without lowering the Lake. President Dixon talked further about the loss of Wildcat Fire Department and the insurance coverage that had fortunately been purchased that covers the equipment. Rabun County's insurance coverage has a one million dollar deductible. Therefore, the building was not covered. President Dixon further detailed what a wonderful resource the fireboat had been during this tragedy. Several of the members felt that Georgia Power and the Rabun County had been totally unprepared for this emergency. The Mountain Patrol, the Habersham EMC, and the Rabun County Emergency Patrol had been particularly helpful. Bill Bomar suggested that the LBCA purchase an advertisement in the Clayton Tribune thanking all the people who aided in the clean up and rescue effort. The motion was made and seconded that the LBCA purchase an advertisement. The motion passed. Tees Booth and Jim Holmes will be in charge of the wording.

President Dixon announced that the Fun Run would take place as scheduled and that we will hold the Annual Meeting as planned on June 11, 2011. The meeting will be held at Fred's Shed and Lake Burton Grocery will provide a barbeque supper. The Front Porch Gliders will provide the Blue Grass music. Bob Fink has invited Lt. Governor, Casey Cagle and Bill Russell has issued an invitation to Attorney General, Sam Olens. Our State Senator, Jim Butterworth will attend as will as representatives from the County and Georgia Power.

The minutes of the March 20, 2011 minutes were approved as presented and will be posted to the website. The April 30, 2011 financial statements were presented and approved and also will be posted on the website.

Home Tour: Janis Stapleton reported that the LBCA is canceling the home tour for this year. The tour will be held next year. President Dixon requested that we have a special additional clean up day on July 16, 2011 that was the day the tour was scheduled. Janis will help coordinate this special day and Georgia Power will provide a dumpster for the debris.

Nominations: The committee has not completed the slate but it will be presented in the near future. Bob Fink announced that he is resigning after the LBCA

sponsored golf tournament. The committee will need to nominate a new vice-president.

Membership: Stacey Rubin, membership chair, reported that at present we have 829 members and she has identified 264 additional eligible members. All potential members will be invited to the Annual Meeting. Jim Holmes will provide a cover letter along with an application to attend the meeting.

Insurance: President Dixon announced that the Board insurance was due to be renewed. The motion was made and seconded to renew the policy for two years.

Computer: Wayne NeSmith reported that he had taken the Macintosh computer that belongs to the LBCA to a repair shop and the computer is now functioning. The repair bill was \$85.00. The repairman offered to buy the computer for \$1000.00. It was moved and seconded that President Dixon take possession of the computer until this matter can be resolved. Elizabeth Koets questioned John Barnett and Jim Higdon concerning the use of the computer. John Barnett and Jim Higdon refused to answer the question and replied that we would be getting a letter from their lawyers.

The motion was made that the LBCA Board go into executive session. The motion was seconded and passed. Our guests except Mr. Leake, the LBCA attorney, were asked to leave.

Lawsuit: Mr. Nolan Leake stated that Mr. Bill Shearer is letting him take the lead in representing the LBCA in withdrawing from all of the lawsuit and court issues. Mr. Leake has met with J. T. Williams' attorneys, and he has spoken with the LBCA's former attorneys. He has several suggestions concerning the next step and hopes that in the near future he will be able to make recommendations. President Dixon thanked Mr. Leake for all of his efforts.

Environmental Issues: Bill Russell will reschedule the informational meeting that was to be held the weekend of the tornado until later in the summer. There were questions concerning the base line testing for the Lake. Bill discussed his meetings with Georgia Power and the testing procedures. Mike Walters of Tallulah Water Shed Protection will be presenting a report concerning the testing and water quality later in the year.

President Dixon requested that Tees Booth and Stacey Rubin spearhead an effort to better communicate with the LBCA membership.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca E. Callahan