



## LOGAN MARTIN LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

### Directors Meeting October 23, 1997

The Directors of the *Logan Martin Lake Protection Association* (LMLPA) met on Thursday, October 23 at the Pell City Civic Center. Directors in attendance were **Kay Bain, Neal Bell, Lynn Batemon, Stan Batemon, Rene Gonzalez, Don Greer, Bill Hereford, Gene Morris, Isabella Trussell, Ron Vaughan, and Ellis Wanninger**. Also attending was **Andy Hawkins** of *Aqualand Marina*.

Association President **Don Greer** called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. **Ellis Wanninger** gave the opening prayer.

**Bill Hereford** circulated a pamphlet describing the *Region 2020 Program*, a "regional visioning process with a focus on empowering citizens to participate in defining their own futures." He recommended that the LMLPA become associated with this program and suggested that we have a presence at their November 10 meeting in Moody, AL.

**Don Greer** called for committee reports from the chairpersons or representatives present:

- o **Andy Hawkins** reported on activities of the Clean Vessel Act Committee. This committee is promoting legislation which will permit the fining of boat owners who dump contaminants into the lake. Two issues remain unresolved at this point: who will have the enforcement authority, and how will it be financed?
- o **Isabella Trussell** reported on activities of the Water Quality Committee (attachment 1).

Treasurer **Ellis Wanninger** distributed copies of the Financial Report for the fiscal year to date (attachment 2). **Don Greer** provided details on the Conferences/Meetings and Water Testing expenditures shown on the report. Board members generally agreed that the expenditure of LMLPA funds has been both modest and prudent.

A discussion was held among board members regarding the development of an Economic Impact Statement for Logan Martin. Some felt that such an undertaking was not within the association's charter, while others argued that the results of such a study could be used as important political leverage. The consensus was that the LMLPA should continue to promote and encourage the development of an Economic Impact Statement for Logan Martin, but should not participate in the funding of this effort.

Minutes from prior Board of Director and Executive Board meetings were presented and accepted without modification.

The appointment of officers made at the Membership Meeting last July was confirmed by the Board. These officers are:

President - **Don Greer**  
Vice-President - **Lynn Batemon**  
Treasurer - **Ellis Wanninger**  
Secretary - **Ron Vaughan**  
Member-at-Large - **Dick Whatley**

**Don Greer** stated that "there are more things coming to us (LMLPA) than we can do", and asked for director comments on the appropriate focus for our organization. **Andy Hawkins** stated that "anything that impacts the lake, either negatively or positively, is within our charter." He added that we need to push in many areas, but focus on water quality and quantity. **Neal Bell** felt that we should list our current key focus areas, and **Don Greer** responded that they were broadly given in the association bylaws and would be spelled out more specifically in a brochure which is under development. **Gene Morris** questioned the association's focus on safety (Quantity/Quality/Safety) and asked what we were doing in that area. **Stan Batemon** described the Personal Watercraft Safety Course he had given, and **Rene Gonzalez** expressed an opinion that the LMLPA should retain a safety focus, particularly in the areas of personal watercraft control and safety.

**Don Greer** called attention to the list of proposed committees which he had prepared and distributed, and asked for volunteers to chair or participate in these committees. **Isabella Trussell** will continue to chair the Water Quality Committee; **Gene Morris** and **Neal Bell** will Co-chair the Finance Committee, which will also be responsible for membership drives; **Rene Gonzalez** volunteered to chair the Publicity Committee; **Andy Hawkins** will continue on the Clean Vessel Act Committee; **Stan Batemon** will head up the Fish & Fish Habitats and Wetlands Committees, and proposed a forester (name unavailable) for the Land Use Committee. Prior committee appointments include **Dot Doak** as Chairperson for the Education Committee, **Dennis Brooks** for the Governmental Relations (Federal) Committee, **Dick Whatley** for the Governmental Relations (State & Local) Committee, and **Hugh Williamson** for the American Heritage Rivers Committee. Chair positions for the Safety, Fund-Raising, Lake Litter Clean Up, and P.C.B. Committees remain unfilled.

**Don Greer** announced that the next Membership Meeting is scheduled for the 3rd week in January, 1998. It was suggested that another Board of Directors Meeting should be held prior to the Membership Meeting, and **Mr. Greer** agreed to schedule one in early-to-mid January.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Prepared by: Ron Vaughan  
Ron Vaughan, Secretary

October 23, 1997

Water Quality Committee Report

Our bacteriological monitoring results indicated no persistent problems with E. coli bacteria in the areas that we tested. We were able to present these results at the annual meeting this summer and at a St. Clair County Board of Realtors meeting in August. There are not any swimming advisories issued for Logan Martin by the health department. It must be noted that the health department does not test the lake and ADEM only monitors monthly during the summer in 3 places: below I-20, below Stemley Bridge and at the dam. We would encourage LMLPA to pursue the feasibility of placement and upkeep of an information buoy at the point that the sewage plant effluent enters the lake, as there are currently no environmental requirements by ADEM for such a buoy.

We will not continue E. coli monitoring during the winter except at the sites where we have less than 12 months data, at the public (marina) sites, and the Dye Creek site. We will attempt to do extensive bacteriological monitoring this summer in the public areas.

Four of our monitors have agreed to test two sites monthly on Broken Arrow Creek through February. These sites are downstream of the confluence of Thomas Branch (the grease pond discharge area) and Broken Arrow. We are striving to get a training date for the local area residents to become certified water quality monitors. The Executive Board agreed to the purchase of one kit for the residents. The local residents have the information on our monitoring program and the training provided by Alabama Water Watch and will choose to join us or form their own group. According to the biologist at the Eastaboga Fish Hatchery, the black water is leaking out of the beaver ponds and making its way down stream.

Donette Bower and Don Greer presented a talk at the Alabama Water Resources Conference in Gulf Shores in September and attended the other presentations.

We also had a representative at the first Deep South Environmental Conference in Auburn in October who attended the sessions on environmental toxicants.

Our research indicates that there are no publicly available sediment analyses for PCB's on Logan Martin. ADEM has provided information on the analysis done in Choccolocco in '94. Because of the lack of public info on the lake itself, LMLPA is asking the area city councils and county commissions to endorse a resolution that would require ADEM to do a sediment analysis of the lake so that we would know where and how concentrated the PCB's are.

Isabella Trussell

LOGAN MARTIN LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
6/1/97 to 10/1/97

	<u>INCOME</u>	
Donations		\$ 80.00
Dues		<u>1,540.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 1,620.00

	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Administrative		\$ 78.38
Conferences/Meetings		561.61
Water Testing		635.40
Newsletter		387.33
Advertising		5.00
Dues		<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 1,692.72

NET FOR PERIOD	\$ <u><u>-72.72</u></u>
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BANK BALANCE 6/1/97	\$ 5,059.31
NET FOR PERIOD	<u>72.72-</u>

BANK BALANCE 9/30/97	<u><u>\$ 4,986.59</u></u>
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