

LGA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes - Unapproved
Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 9:30 am
Lake Gaston Baptist Church, Gymnasium

Member Check-in (9:15 - 9:30 am) took place in gymnasium.

Welcome to all and meeting was called to order by President Brian Goldsworthy @ 09:47 AM. Board Members in attendance: B. Goldsworthy, J. Zimmer, L. Mustian, A. Wood, S. McAllister, J. Waters, C. Warfel, and E. Wooster. Also, in attendance Executive Director B. Summerfield. Total attendance was 37.

Brian led attendees to the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence asking for remembrance of Director Lew Stringer.

Brian asked for Approval of today's Agenda, motion was made by Eric Wooster and seconded by Lewis Mustian. Motion passed.

Brian made several announcements; committee and board meetings will begin to be held at Lakeland Cultural Arts Center (LCAC) studio B, LCAC will begin holding outdoor concerts (June 24 through August on Saturdays 5PM) and is in need of volunteer ushers, August membership meeting will be an evening dutch treat at Watersview, please RSVP so we can have headcount by July 22nd.

Anne Wood provided a Treasurer's Report (YTD through May), a copy of this report was made available to attendees today. She noted that majority of expenses are typically in the summer & fall period. We are now using a software package that provides auto invoice for membership dues.

Jeff Zimmer, (Acting Secretary) stated that last year's (2022) Annual Membership meeting minutes were taken by Don Carson and are posted on our web site. A copy of these was available to attending members today. Jeff asked for a motion to approve these minutes. Eric made a motion to approve these with a second made by Lewis. Vote taken and minutes were approved.

New Business

Brian brought forward a proposal to amend the Bylaws (dated June 11, 2011 with revisions) for consideration. These amendments were proposed by a committee chaired by John Cataldo. The proposed bylaws were made available to the membership in the February/March 2023 Bulletin. Motion to accept the proposed bylaws was made by Lewis, and seconded by Eric. Discussion followed; Judy stated that she thought the bylaws had been amended previously in 2020. Jeff stated that no they had not, *there was work to make amendments at that time, but they were never voted on by the membership.* Judy stated several concerns including the fact that *the proposal will diminish the executive committee.* Jeff stated *that while the bylaws allow for 25 directors, we have only had 8-10 directors and these also serve as committee chairs and officers.* *The proposed bylaws will allow for a more efficient organization and operation.* Member Pete Deschenes made a motion to close the discussion. Vote taken and motion carried. A vote on the proposed bylaws was taken and passed.

The slate for election of New Directors (all currently serving as interim directors) was presented by Brian; these are Anne Wood, Lewis Mustian, and Shannon McAllister. The membership voted to elect said directors whose (1st) term will end June 2026.

A list of current directors was provided the membership on the agenda. It is recognized that those directors who currently serve, and whose current term expires and having served less than three terms, will continue their service. These are Brian (ending his 2nd term) and Jeff (ending his 1st term).

Presentation

Jessica Baumann, NCSU Extension Associate / Aquatic Plant Management, gave an depth presentation on Lyngbya titled; *Lyngbya off your boat dock, Now What?* A Q&A session followed. A copy of this presentation will be posted on our web site.

Brian then recognized Carol's contribution to the board and presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

Jeff recognized Brian's contribution as president over the last two years and presented him with an oar (for future paddling against the current).

Door Prizes were awarded.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 and members convened outside for lunch

*Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Zimmer - Acting Secretary
6/22/2023*