

20230802 LGA Membership meeting
Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at Waterview Restaurant

LGA Monthly Membership Meeting
Attendees

Public: approximately 30 attendees

Board of Directors: Jeff Zimmer, Eric Wooster, Anne Wood, Brian Goldsworthy, John Cataldo
Judy Waters, Jane Stringer, Lewis Mustian, Patricia Price

Co-Chairs: John Franz

Jeff opened the meeting at 6:00 pm welcoming everyone to the dinner meeting and provided the agenda for the meeting. Starting with Committee announcements, dinner and then the presentation from the Guest Speaker, Adam Fields.

Announcements of upcoming LGA activities:

- Safety – Eric Wooster: Eric provided information on the Speakers for the next Membership meeting, Wednesday September 6th. The five County Sheriffs will provide information on key issues with time for questions and answers.
The next Safety Committee meetings are held on the second Friday of the month.
- Government Relations – John Cataldo: John provided an update on the Government Relations Candidate forums in Brunswick and Mecklenburg Counties in 2023. These forums will include the School Board, County Commissioners, and Sheriffs. The Brunswick County forum is scheduled for September 16th from 12:00 pm to 4:00pm at Ebony firehouse. Help is needed with this activity.
The next Government Relations meeting is Aug 15th. The third Tuesday of each month.
- Environment – John Franz and Jeff Zimmer Co-Chairs – John asked for support/volunteers between August 15th to October 30th with the 2023 Annual Lake Gaston Vegetation Survey. The work conducted by the volunteers helps guide the maintenance and treatment of Lake Gaston for next spring and summer.
- Membership – Brian Goldsworthy: Brian provided information on the Littleton Festival. LGA will have a booth to reach new members with great information and interesting displays.
We need to grow members and current members are one of the best ways to grow new members. Keep a few LGA brochures to handout to neighbors and friends.
- Other activities – Jeff provided the following updates:
 - Next Membership meeting is September 6th at 9:30 am, Wednesday, with the five County Sheriffs speaking.
 - Halifax County has chosen not to include funding for the Weed council. There is a Halifax County meeting on Monday August 7th, 9:30 am. Please attend.
 - Need a Chairperson of Lake Clean Up Committee.

Dinner

Speaker/Presentation

Brian introduced Adam Fields of AF Wake

Adam provided a wonderful presentation. He shared his family connections with Lake Gaston, Big Air Fair, his passion for the lake and his continuous work on education and awareness of water sport safety.

Adam is a member of the Water Sports Industry Association (WSIA) and works locally and worldwide promoting boating safety, wake responsibility, and awareness. There is more information on the WISA website. WSIA.net/wake-responsibly/

From the WISA website: Please follow these recommendations to “wake responsibly”:

- Stay at least 200 feet away from the shoreline, docks or other structures.
- Keep music at reasonable levels. Sound travels well over water. If it is loud enough to hear at 80 feet back, it is likely loud enough for homeowners and others to hear as well.
- Minimize repetitive passes on any one portion of the shoreline. Once you’ve run the same line for a while, move on to another area.

Questions for Speakers

Several good questions and answers were presented.

Adam stated that he is always looking for ideas to get information out on safety and good practices.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm