LGA Board Meeting Agenda March 26, 2025, 08:30 LKG Chamber of Commerce

<u>Attendees:</u> Brian Goldsworthy and Pat Price via phone, Jeff Zimmer, Scooter Boham, John Franz, Tammy Clarke, Anne Wood, Bob Allan

Call to Order at 8:35 am

- Motion to approve: 02.26.25 Board Meeting Minutes.
 - Motion to approve by Brian and seconded by Bob. Passed unanimously.
- Any changes to today's agenda?
 - Motion to approve with amendments by Brian and seconded by Scooter. Passed unanimously.

Old Business/Follow-ups:

- 1. Membership Drive, Anne & Brian Membership numbers report was emailed out by Anne. Final request for payment letters for businesses and individuals were sent out within the last week. Brian said all businesses have been personally contacted by him. The next step will be to distribute a call list to the Directors and volunteers to contact everyone who has not yet renewed. The list will be sorted by County as best as possible. The cut-off date will be April 30th. All businesses and members who have not renewed by then will be "archived" in MailChimp.
- 2. YTD Financials, **Anne** Corrected financial reports were emailed out by Anne. Jeff gave Anne the check from the Weed Council for half of the expenses from the Stakeholders' Forum. Anne asked if she could get a copy of the invoice for the new decals and updated sign near the fire station.
- 3. Slogan selection, **Tammy** If you see the old slogan on a document or advertisement, please let Tammy know so she can update it.
- **4.** Stakeholders Forum Review, **Bob & Jeff** Future Improvements: Bob said a microphone would have been helpful, he thought the voting process took longer than it should have, and no one seemed to want to take responsibility for the follow-through with the Stakeholders' Board. It was determined that we need more dedicated volunteers to help with A/V (there was a microphone, but not enough time or people to set it up).

- When using the Lions Club in the future, we need to make sure we have use of all of their A/V equipment and a microphone should always be used for meetings at the Lions Club.
- 5. STR brochure/outreach, Bob The brochures have been left at the Chamber of Commerce and John will be leaving them at Lake Gaston Outfitters after the Board meeting. Where to place additional brochures was discussed John suggested local places where visitors might go. Scooter recommended we focus on the HOAs that might be interested in distributing them to their property owners. Bob suggested sharing them at the LKG-Littleton Festival in August. Tammy will see if we can add something about it to the 2nd Qtr Bulletin or mention it in the body of the email that will go out on 4/1. It was decided that a copy of the brochure will be placed on each of the tables at the 4/2 meetings.
- 6. Upcoming events, Planning & Promotion:
 - **a.** 6:00 PM April 2nd membership meeting, **Tammy**, **Jeff** Anyone who shows up who didn't RSVP but would like to pay for dinner will be welcomed in. People who do not want to pay for the buffet to attend will be invited to watch the presentation on the YouTube channel after it is posted.
 - b. 9:00 AM April 26th, Roadside Clean-up **Tammy** Brian worked out arrangements with LKG Coffee Company to provide lunch for the volunteers afterwards. There are 12 people signed up so far.
 - c. May 3rd Shred Event- Pat We need to be sure to mention it at the April 2nd meeting. Tammy will update last year's announcement and send it to Pat for review and approval. Eric is planning to be there and will bring his cones and the counter. We will bring our safety vests for volunteers. Tammy will set up the online volunteer sign-up sheet for 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Brian said he will be there the entire time.
 - **d.** Q.W.A.C. Fun Run- **John** Tammy (and Terry) will bring the usual handouts that we put out at our meetings. Jeff will bring the table, pop-up, plant ID book, survey equipment, and storyboard. We will meet at 7:30 am, the registration starts at 8:00 am, and the race begins at 9:00 am.
 - **e.** Habitat Enhancement Plans **John** May 13th will be the survey date to determine where the work needs to be done on June 24th. About 24 volunteers are needed. Tammy & Charity will be in charge of lunch.

New Business

- 7. May Membership & June Annual meeting, Lewis/Bob
 - a. May Topic: "Meet Our Community Partners" Speakers (so far) Crystal Cantrell from Q.W.A.C., and Melissa, the LKG 911 Task Force's new president.
 - b. Topic: "Responsible Wake Boating at Lake Gaston" Speakers: Richard Blasick said he would be on the panel, still working on additional discussion panel members.
- 8. Stakeholder Follow-up, **Jeff** Jeff thinks a major takeaway from the Forum is that the Stakeholders group needs direction and a Sponsor. The WCC could be the financial sponsor, and the LGA could be the facilitator. The LGA will put the meeting together annually, although making it a bi-annual event was also discussed. John thinks the WCC should be the "owner" of the Stakeholders' Board, but Jeff believes it should be a joint ownership. Jeff and John will work together to put a recommendation together for how the Stakeholders' Board will proceed.
- 9. Other Committee info requiring Board attention? John is concerned about the LGA's lack of liability insurance for when we have volunteers go out and do potentially dangerous activities (i.e. roadside clean-up, vegetation survey, habitat enhancement, Shred-it event). The question is, should there be a safety training and a briefing before any volunteer event? Also, should we have everyone sign one of the liability waivers? Brian will look into getting a full policy binder so we can see exactly what is covered in the policy we currently have. We will also look into having our agent come into a Board meeting to explain our coverage and answer any questions.
- 10. LGA position on new Warren Co property assessments? The LGA's position will be to direct them to the instructions on their assessment, and if they need help or have additional questions, they should contact Warren County.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 am.