

Lake Jordan Home/Boat Owners Association
Minutes of the Quarterly Membership Meeting
July 24, 2023

The Lake Jordan Home Owners/Boat Owners Association Quarterly Membership Meeting was called to order by President Kim Adams at 7:00pm on July 24, 2023 at Camp Chandler on Lake Jordan.

President Adams thanked everyone for being there and declared that a quorum was present to conduct business. Kim started off by having the Lake Jordan Area Representatives that were present at the meeting introduce themselves. She welcomed everyone and new members and guests introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Gerald Hardy and seconded Michael Wood to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2023, meeting. The motion carried.

Brett Wilkinson presented the Financial Report dated June 30, 2023, with an ending non-restricted cash balance of \$39,343.57.

Committee Reports

Water Quality – Judy May was pleased to report that the water monitoring is going well and there have been no reports of any problems. The date for the next training Session is TBD.

Kim mentioned that the HOBO Association participated in sponsoring the swim guide that is produced and distributed by the Coose River Keepers.

Lake Safety – Trooper Jake Taylor, the Water Patrol Safety Officer for Lake Jordan, was present at the meeting to address the issue of Airbnbs attaching the boat usage as part of the dwelling rental. This practice is illegal unless the boat is registered as a livery boat with the Marine Patrol unit and the boatowner has a business license from the county for the rental. Since Lake Jordan covers 3 counties (Elmore, Coosa, and Chilton), a business license would have to be obtained from all 3 Counties. Furthermore, the boat would be subject to livery boat inspections. A rental contract signed by all parties must be on board the boat with the renter. The signed contract must also specify that a safety operation course was given by the owner. This law applies to any vessel with a motor (including a trolling motor).

Trooper Taylor discussed an incident that happened on the lake involving an individual that was driving his boat recklessly and dangerously close to individuals on their docks around the lake. Several people on the lake filed reports with the Sherriff's Office and warrants were issued against the person for reckless endangerment and harassment with additional charges pending. The man was arrested and held in the county jail. This person has apparently been known to exhibit reckless behavior on the lake in the past. The marine police officers are looking at the possibility of seizing the individual's boat. Jill Murchison made the point that communication is key and that if you see something like this happening, please be sure to report it to the marine police officers or Sherriff's office.

Trooper Taylor reported that the buoy has been replaced on stump near Weoka. A second hazard buoy was replaced in Blackwell's Slough. The placement of the buoys further north for the July 4th fireworks show worked out well. Last year and this year, someone took down the large no-wake zone signs that were put up at the dam and at Bonners. If you happen to see them, please return them or ask whoever has them to please return them anonymously to Kim Adams.

Fireworks – Nikki reminded the membership that will be stepping down as Fireworks Chair at the end of 2023 and so the HOB0 Association is looking for someone to volunteer to take over as the Chair of this Committee. Nikki has agreed to help and train the new Chairperson and to continue to do the T-shirts to raise funds for the fireworks. They have new engraved cups available for sale which will benefit the fireworks and/or the HOB0 scholarship fund. She thanked all the business sponsors and everyone who bought t-shirts.

In addition to the need for a volunteer to chair the Fireworks Committee, Kim reminded everyone that the HOB0 Association needs volunteers to step up for several positions that are becoming vacant in 2024. The positions include President, Vice President, and the chairperson for the July 4th Boat Parade. Please consider volunteering to fill one of these positions.

July 4th Boat Parade and Pier Decorating Contest – We are in need to a volunteer to chair this Committee. If you are interested, please contact Kim Adams

Lake Clean Up –James Littlejohn thanked all the sponsors and volunteers that helped make the 2023 Lake Clean Up a success. Everything that day went very smoothly with the help of the cooks, the baggers, all the people who handled giving out the t-shirts, ADSI and their crews, and Alabama Power. The amount of trash that was removed from the lake the day of the clean-up came to 3.4 tons. The plan moving forward is to have the clean-up be scheduled to happen on the 1st weekend in May annually.

Environmental/ Coosa River Basin –Kim Adams gave a brief update on the sediment deposit issue that Steve and Linda Mathies have been dealing with in the back of Sears Slough. Alabama Power has been to the property to try to identify where the sediment is coming from. He has also reached out to Auburn University to get some engineering graduate students involved. She stated that there is positive movement on this issue and Steve will be at the October meeting to give a full report with more details.

Kim introduced Brad Price who, along with his wife Kendall, has recently purchased Lake Jordan Marina to talk about the future of the Marina. The marina will continue to exist with readily available fuel and boat rentals; but the more exciting news is, they plan to open a casual restaurant on Lake Jordan at the marina. “The Point at Lake Jordan” will be an outdoor type of place (similar to The Landing at Parker Creek on Lake Martin) where people who live on the lake and lake goers can get good food and drinks and be able to hang out and have a good time. They are looking forward to catering to Lake Jordan and providing a good and safe environment with great food and service. They hope to have the marina/restaurant up and going by March 15, 2024. He made it clear that he will invest his time and his resources into whatever Lake Jordan will support. Brad welcomes any ideas and suggestions you may have to make The Point at Lake Jordan the best it can be. Please feel free to email him at Brad@pricepaintandbody.com.

Lake Jordan Scholarship Committee - Gayla announced that the Labor Day Boston Butt Fundraiser is happening again. The cost is \$35 and they will be available for pick up at Bonners the Saturday before Labor Day. Gayla introduced the 2023 Scholarship recipients and presented each with a bag of lake Jordan goodies and a check. JB Collier is a graduate of Edgewood Academy and will be attending AUM. Emily Agi will be attending and playing soccer at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, GA.

Kim introduced Mike Clelland from the Department of Environmental Affairs at Alabama Power. The group Mike represents is the Aquatic Resource Management Team. Their responsibilities include facility hydro-aquatic monitoring, aquatic vegetation management, and the environmental stewardship program which includes the Renew our Rivers cleanup program, Fish Habitat enhancement program and the Mosquito

Monitoring program. Mike explained the types of mosquitos they are tracking are the types that can transmit malaria. They generally put out larvicide to prevent the young mosquitos from maturing into adults rather than spraying mosquitos. A question was asked about the hydrilla issue that was affecting Lake Jordan several years ago. Mike responded that the hydrilla is not completely eradicated from Lake Jordan, however, it is no longer a major problem. Alabama Power has been continually restocking the Lake with triploid grass carp to eat the plant. This has been very successful in controlling the hydrilla problem. He further stated that using the grass carp is environmentally friendly and far less expensive than using chemicals to treat the problem. Mike talked about the new the Big Leaf Pond Weed that is becoming a problem on some lakes but not yet seen on Lake Jordan. It is a native plant with a strong stem that grows beneath the water and the large leaves lay on top of the water. If you see any aquatic plants that you are not familiar with, please call 1-800Lakes11 and report it. Kim reminded everyone that the Alabama Power App is a great tool to use to contact Alabama Power with aquatic issues.

HOBO Newsletter and Publicity – Please send all articles and pictures for inclusion in the next newsletter to clemmons.cliff@gmail.com. The newsletter will be delivered to HOBO members *electronically* and will no longer be printed and mailed. Don't Forget – The Newsletter is always available for view online at www.lakejordanhobo.org.

Website / Facebook Page – If you have suggestions for content to be included on the HOBO Website or the HOBO Facebook page, please contact Gary and Kayleen Amerson at kayleen@amerson.com.

Membership – Please send in your 2023 Dues! Dues can be paid via PayPal on the HOBO website www.lakejordanhobo.org. Please continue to encourage your neighbors to join or renew! Also, please consider adding a donation for the fireworks. All dues and fireworks donations paid to the HOBO Association are tax deductible.

The Lake Jordan Drawdown is scheduled to begin September 11-13 with it starting to refill on September 25-27.

William Hartley was the lucky winner of the \$50 Raffle prize. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be available at 6:30 p.m. if you would like to eat before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Wright
Secretary