

**The Lake of the Ozarks Watershed Alliance
Working Committee Meeting 1/28/08
Laurie Bank of Versailles**

Donna Swall, LOWA Executive Director, called this working committee's meeting to order at 5:30.

Shoreline Clean-Up Ginny Strogon – Planning has begun. LOWA will be partnering with Sunrise Ridge Condo's, at the 10-mile marker, who will also be donating and installing the official Shoreline Clean Up sign with both of our names. B&P Hickory Pit BBQ will be providing lunch for all the volunteers on Clean Up Day. There will be a **Planning Meeting for Shoreline Clean-Up** on Wed, Feb 20th, 1:30-3:00 at Laurie Central Bank. Clean-Up will be Sat April 5th. We need lots of boats and people!!! LOWA will get a notice with phone numbers up on the LOWA website tout suite. www.soslowa.org Ginny is still looking for a good spot to place the dumpster for the clean up and she will call to try to find a barge to help out.

First Working Committee's Meeting – tonight's meeting is something new for LOWA and we are open to suggestions. We came to this particular process in an attempt to keep active members more in touch with the goings-on of LOWA, yet still stay with having the Guest Speaker Meetings every other month. Please refer to the 2008 meetings schedule, attached, and please note that for the 3 summer months, when the Lake area is especially full of people, Guest Speaker Meetings are scheduled for every month, June, July, and August.

Goals: What do we want to accomplish successfully this year?

Projects: current and possible:

- ❖ Attend the Home Show
- ❖ 2 – half-day workshops on "Urban Construction"(Soil Erosion/Low Impact Development), coordinated with AmerenUE. One on the Laurie side of the Lake and one on the Osage Beach side and try to get representation from all of the builders. Send out invitations. Give them a reason to come, perhaps through some kind of endorsement – Marv will look into this. Talk to CC Campbell of MO DNR for speakers. DNR's big push is now Low Impact Development rather than Education Outreach. (For the future, LOWA may want to develop workshops for home owners like "Green Lawns Blue Waters", Bob Broz which would be a great public education project)
- ❖ Booth at this year's Shoot-Out - maybe for the future, LOWA can develop a mobile booth – Boots and Seary say they have a vehicle that may be appropriate for this.
- ❖ Brochures – people have put in hundreds of hours and crashed computers trying to work with the program that the Pump-Out Brochure is on. Ameren has offered/wants to print 10,000 copies of the Pump-Out brochure. We need to get out main brochure printed. Dilemma. Plan is to incorporate both into one and head to the printer. Anyone wanting to help with this project is **desperately needed!** Gary Lorenze ,owner of Lake Printing has agreed to rework the brochures and donate the majority of the artwork. Hooray! Bob Broz said that DNR will print the main brochure if it includes nonpoint source pollution!

LOWA will keep talking to Ameren and looking for grants to get these and other brochures developed and printed.

Recycling committee – Linda Kimrey has written a grant to pay an individual \$20 twice a year to remove monofilament from the recycling depositories that are set up around the area because once they are set up, they need to be serviced. If you put up a monofilament recycling bin and it doesn't get any line in it, move it. If LOWA is putting some out, LOWA needs to check them. On the LOWA website, we can advertise that these bins are available. Linda is also writing a grant for LOWA, Waste Watchers, and LacLede Industries to do a joint venture with recycling around the Lake area. Once a week a recycling trailer will come around to 5 different spots around the Lake (a different spot each day), announced in advance with a set schedule so people can bring their recyclables to a convenient location.

Cove Testing for *E coli* – Scott Robinett of MO DNR and Greg Stoner, MDC coordinating the program. This year the sites will be from the 17 mile marker to the 31 mile marker and mile markers 1-4 on the Grand Glaize arm. We are looking for a new set of volunteers from that area willing to be trained for this year's testing program. Also LOWA is hoping to take two samples at each site this year so that if a site shows a high *E coli* reading, a second sample taken at the same time and place will be available for the test to determine if the *E coli* is from humans or wildlife. LOWA has contacted an individual about this and is looking into the possibilities of this extra testing. But for now, Greg will get with media and get information on the website to find the new crew of volunteers for this year. Scott reminded us that this basically is a DNR project whose goal is to simply obtain a snapshot of the Lake at this moment in time, so to speak, and not to go after any particular problem.

Everyone needs to be thinking about these committees and what they want to do, when, where, etc, and then choose one project and work to accomplish that. DNR's 319 minigrants are up to \$10,000 now.

LOWA will plan on 3 shows –spring, summer, and fall

Home Show in March

Shoot Out, Cap'n Ron's August

Fall Festival, Osage Beach, October

We'll do an Earth Day event at Osage Upper Elementary, School of the Osage with the 5th graders.

Membership – Carol Lee Prosser – We have new membership cards so LOWA will get Carol Lee everything else she needs to send members their cards and decal. At the February LOWA meeting, Carol Lee will set up a membership table and we'll try to round up businesses that'll give LOWA members discounts. LOWA could host a Lake cruise for members.

Next Meeting Feb. 19, Officers 4:00, Chairs 5:30, Public 6:30, Four Seasons – Escollo Room

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

These minutes respectfully submitted by C. King Toole

And approved by Donna Swall

