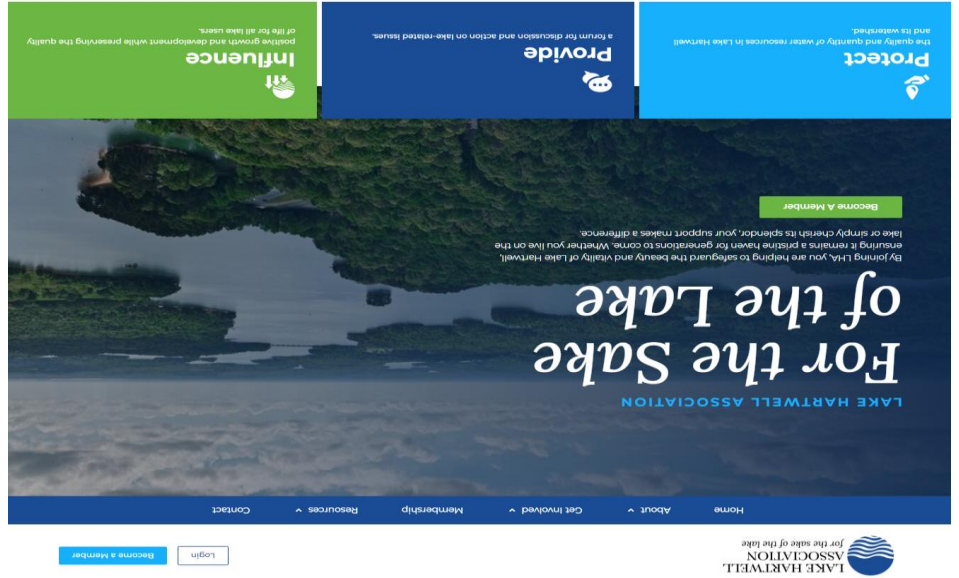


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We hope to better serve our membership with a more user friendly site and added features.

**New Website Coming Soon!**

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## MEET OUR DIRECTORS: LHA HAS A NEW PRESIDENT



**K. Terry Jackson Jr.** has been serving LHA as Shoreline Development Committee Chair, vice-president and acting president. The Board of Directors named Terry as our new president effective January 1. Ray Fedele, after serving almost ten years as LHA President, has decided it is time to step down and focus on family. Ray will remain active on the Board as past-president and a member of the Executive Committee. Like many Hartwell Lake residents, Terry and his wife, Ellen, arrived here in 2007 after living in various places. Terry had a rewarding 35 years working in the automotive industry. Most of his career was with General Motors, based out of the Detroit area as well as a couple of international assignments. Terry has always been a lake enthusiast and has been active on lakes since early teenager years. He still water skis somewhat regularly during the summer and has his USCG Captain's License. Terry and Ellen joined LHA in 2016 and followed LHA's progress via the newsletters. At a Spring 2021 meeting regarding a local lake issue, Terry became an active advocate for Lake Hartwell. By Fall of 2021 he responded to a request for LHA volunteers and joined the Shoreline Development Committee. In February of 2023 Terry was elected vice president and president-elect in addition to Shoreline Management Chair. Please join us in welcoming Terry Jackson, the new President of LHA, who will guide us into the next chapter.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 6** - Car Show **Postponed to April 27**  
Big Water Marina, Starr SC
- April 12** - Spring Splash Away the Trash Event  
Various boat ramps around the lake
- April 22** - Easter Egg Hunt  
Sadlers Creek State Park, Anderson SC
- May 3** - LakeFest - Food, music, vendors, boat show  
Boathouse Grill, Hartwell GA
- September 27** - Fall Splash Away the Trash Event

### TowBoatUS DISCOUNT

If you are in need of boat towing services including on-water boat towing, jump starts, fuel delivery or ungrounding, contact the TowBoatU.S., Lake Hartwell affiliate, Hartwell Lake Services, at (864) 313-0968 for pricing and availability. LHA members now receive \$25 off their BoatU.S./TowBoat U.S. membership when they join or renew. A BoatU.S./TowBoatU.S. membership also provides additional discounts with various retail partners and annual subscription to BoatUS magazine. To find out more, reach out to Hartwell Lake Service at (864) 313-0968 or online at [HartwellLakeServices.com](http://HartwellLakeServices.com)

Round up your friends, grab a trash bag, and let's head to Lake Hartwell together to restore its sparkle by joining our trash clean-up weekend!

**LAKE HARTWELL**  
partners for clean water

Splash Away The Trash  
Weekend Event: Spring 2025

TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE, SCAN THE QR CODE

FIND MORE INFORMATION ON SITE LOCATIONS:  
[WWW.LAKEHARTWELLPCW.COM/EVENTS](http://WWW.LAKEHARTWELLPCW.COM/EVENTS)

12 APRIL 2025 | 9 AM - 12 PM

### EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

#### Please Send Us Your Correct Email Address

Currently, we still have some members without email address and some invalid email addresses on file. The LHA Board of Directors cannot possibly express just how important it is for us to be able to contact members on short notice. We will only send you member correspondence and important information that we feel that you should know. We will never sell/give away your email address.

We only want it "For the Sake of the Lake." If you haven't received an email from LHA recently, please send an update to [mail@lakehartwellassociation.org](mailto:mail@lakehartwellassociation.org).

# 2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Submitted by Jill O'Connor*

Tuesday March 11, LHA held its 2025 Annual Meeting, bringing together almost 150 members, supporters and guests to celebrate another year of preservation and community. They gathered at Anderson Civic Center in Anderson, SC where the meeting was streamed to members at Hartwell Arts Center in Hartwell, GA.

LHA President, Terry Jackson Jr, spoke to members about the year in review of LHA activities. Mr. Jackson spoke to the audience on various topics including lake levels, increased membership awareness, a very successful Splash the Trash held in September, board member changes, upcoming media changes at LHA just to name a few.

The first presentation was from Sergeant Danny McCown, Marine Unit in charge of Dive team and Search & Rescue operations. Mr. McCown noted the importance of the Anderson County Sheriff's Department having several patrol boats and a trained staff of deputies to man them. Their Capabilities include lake patrol, law enforcement on the water, firefighting on the water, and EMS calls on the water. Sergeant McCown's suggestion for LHA members to protect themselves would be to invest in security cameras for the dock, install lock on dock boxes, and don't leave keys in a boat.

First to speak from USACE Savannah District was Deputy Commander, Colonel Ronald Sturgeon. The Commander spoke to members about the impact of Hurricane Helene and provided insight on civil projects in the south Atlantic division

Next to speak to members were Stan Simpson, Senior Water Manager and Craig Clarke, Water Manager. They were linked in remotely from USACE Savannah, GA. Mr. Clarke addressed balancing the basin and the current water situation with a visual presentation including detailed explanations of how water levels are managed for the entire basin and the multi-purposes of lake projects in the Savannah District, including recreation, flood prevention and power generation.

Also, from USACE Savannah District's Fisheries Biologist, Jamie Sykes spoke to members about Hydrilla in Lake Hartwell and other invasive plants.

Terry Jackson concluded the meeting with some final LHA business. Mr. Jackson reviewed the process the Board of Directors had put forth for the proposed overhaul of LHA's by-laws. He explained that updates were required because of changes to Georgia Code, bring the document from 1990 to current and general operations efficiency. Mr. Jackson also thanked those members for taking the time to review and submit feedback. A motion was made from the floor to accept the amendments to bylaws as presented to membership. The motion was seconded followed by a very brief discussion. Members were then asked to vote by using the ballots provided.

The results of the vote were as follows with 86 Members in Attendance

68 Votes in Favor, 1 Vote Opposed, 17 Abstained

The motion passed.

Unfortunately, the feed between Anderson and Hartwell was lost during the meeting. Board members Bill Fogerty, Kira Novack and Kyle Els completed the meeting in Hartwell with the Bylaws vote to submit with the rest of the members in Anderson.

All of the speakers were available to answer questions at the conclusion of the meeting. It was a great opportunity to network and share LHA's mission with members of the community. LHA is grateful to all the speakers and their teams from Anderson County Sheriff Department and US Army Corps of Engineers - Savannah District for sharing their valuable insights and expertise with us. The presentations were informative, engaging, and greatly contributed to the success of our annual membership meeting. LHA is also thankful to all those who attended our Annual Member Meeting. It was a wonderful evening of information about protecting and preserving our Lake Hartwell watershed.

Surveys were collected from members at the end of the meeting. The results of these surveys will be reported in the next publication.

# 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## LHA 2024 Accomplishments & Activities Submitted by the LHA Board

In addition to the general operations of LHA, the following are the past year's accomplishments of your LHA team of directors, administrator and committee members. The effort that goes into protecting our great resource is sizeable and the challenges are always shifting.

- Developed administrative list of annual duties and responsibilities.
- Recruited one new qualified director to increase our membership awareness in Georgia.
- Reviewed current Bylaws of LHA and researched current Georgia code to propose amended bylaws to meet current code and bring the document up to date.
- Actively participated in the Lake Hartwell Partners for Clean Water (LHPCW) and provided LHA input and resources as required. Provided financial support to LHPCW "Trash Tank" that will assist with shoreline cleanup of large items around Lake Hartwell.
- Provided presentations about LHA, Hartwell Lake or other water related topics when requested by LHA members or other civic organizations.
- Increased awareness of LHA through participation in newly formed SC Lake Associations meetings. This initiated dialogue with other SC lake associations will be utilized for education and sharing of information.
- Boating safety class taught by LHA President, Ray Fedele, that was hosted at Western Carolina Sail Club in Anderson, SC.
- Provided information on local and online boating safety courses on the LHA website and publications.
- Encouraged membership and public to haul loose dock floats to Corps ramps by repeatedly promoting a 2022 LHA article "What to Do with Those Loose Dock Floats Adrift on Lake Hartwell"
- LHA board members, on behalf of LHA, or as individuals, spoke at multiple counties forums on lake related activities or proposals.
- Brought awareness to the Corps about an aquatic growth area at the north end of the lake for ongoing monitoring and possible treatment, based on input from a LHA member.
- Review of any concerns about shoreline development, water quality and run-off issues.
- Monitor for new lake development to ensure consistency with LHA's position of maintaining lake's natural aesthetics with no negative water quality impacts.
- Generated two high quality 16 page newsletters; introduced two new informative sections for members: "Do Something Good" to promote kind acts happening in the area and "Have Questions" to provide answers to members' issues and questions.
- Generated two full color 2 page news highlights to inform membership of the news surrounding Lake Hartwell.
- Contracted redesign initiative for LHA website and digital communications
- Managed information distribution to members; increased use of eNews to improve delivery time and reduce LHA costs.
- 2.3% increase in membership.
- Hosted special Georgia meeting including the Hart County Property Owners Association with over 50 people in attendance and 10 new memberships collected.
- Inclusion of GA site for viewing and participating in our Annual Meeting
- Successfully co-sponsored two large shoreline clean-up events: The Spring and Fall Lake Hartwell Splash the Trash events with LHPCW. Organized and managed the volunteers for both SC and GA that resulted in 250 participants with 10 scuba divers collecting 2,645 pounds of trash removed and a total financial impact of \$8,256.

## LHA MISSION STATEMENT & OBJECTIVES

**The Lake Hartwell Association's mission is to protect and improve the lake's water quality, quantity and safety for the benefit of residents and users. The association uses education, advocacy, and stewardship to achieve this goal.**

Objectives of Lake Hartwell Association:

- Keep members informed on things affecting Lake Hartwell
- Influence positive growth and development while preserving the quality of life for all lake users, including lake area residents, recreational users and local businesses
- Protecting the quality and quantity of water resources in Lake Hartwell and its watershed
- Encourage members to take an active part in the future care and development of the lake
- Provide a forum for discussion and action on lake-related issues
- Work to make the lake safer for everyone, including boaters, residents, and visitors
- Add member voices to dialogue with the Corps of Engineers, government agencies and other organizations