



Wrightsville Beach Longboard Association

Monthly Meeting – Minutes – February 2, 2016 – 7:00pm
Katy's Grill and Bar, Wilmington

Secretary: Laura Shearin

Attendees: Georgia Curry, Bill Curry, Gary Proper, Scott Taylor, Lane Marshburn, Courtney Mauer, Dylan Wishart, Amy Conchas, Brian Buckley, SOD, Pamela Carter, KT, Davey Wishart, Kris Lee, Utah, Local Sessions, Gary Swartz, Dennis Murphy, Helen Buckley, Blue Edwards, Thad Marshburn, Bob V., Josh Albert, Art Ricks, Doug Reutlinger, Stan Plotner, Doug Foreman, Georgia Winfree, Cameron Paul, Bob Mereness

First Time Attendees: Matt Maffey, Maddie Pake

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Treasurer Report** – We have \$6444.36 in the WBLA bank account
2. **Minutes** – January 2016 minutes were approved
3. **Thank You** – Shawn O'Donnell was recognized and thanked for his six years of service as the president of the Wrightsville Beach Longboard Association.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Carolina Beach Longboard Association** – The first meeting of the CLBA will be held Tuesday, February 9 at Flaming Amy's at Carolina Beach. We wish them well.
5. **Mission** – WBLA is a social surf club. We will not get involved in any organization that has political views such as Save Masonboro or Surfrider Foundation. We are an apolitical organization and will not endorse the platforms of these political organizations. If an organization wants to make an announcement about an event it needs to be cleared thru the executive board first.
6. **Elections** – Stan Plotner will be the acting president of the WBLA until the next election coming up this summer. This process was enacted according to the Constitution of the Wrightsville Beach Longboard Association.
7. **Committees** – We are looking for a chairperson for both the Outreach Committee and the Event Committee. Please let us know if you are interested.
8. **Contest Sponsorship** – We are delighted to announce our partnership with Katy's, Jerry Allen's and Robert's Grocery. They have agreed to become our \$5000 corporate sponsor. Katy's will

donate 10% of every sale that a WBLA member purchases. Please make sure you are letting them know that you are with the WBLA.

9. **Austin Yu** – Austin was a local Carolina Beach surfer who passed away recently. His family owns the Dynamic Marshall Arts in Monkey Junction. The WBLA contributed \$250 to the family to help pay for some of the funeral costs.

10. **Billy Curry** – Billy spoke about the ideas that prompted him and others to found the WBLA. He discussed the idea of the “surfing spirit” and how clear it became to him while watching Buddy Pellitier and his fight with cancer. Buddy was a friend of Billys, a shaper, a glasser and a pro surfer. “One of the best on the East Coast” according to Bill. Four of Buddy’s friends supported him and took care of him until he passed away. This made Billy realize that we, as surfers, share the spirit of living the life of surfing. We sacrifice things in our lives to be able to surf. Billy also spoke about a fellow surfer who suffered from a debilitating illness. He was taken out to surf by members even though he was unable to stand up. Tony Puente was able to get him on disability and the WLBA reached out and helped with groceries, etc. because he had three children. The idea of outreach, no matter how big or how small, was and is a foundation of the ideals of the WBLA. Billy said that “he is amazed and excited to stand here sixteen years later and to have all the members here. Same feeling now as then. We are able to help.” Doug Reutilinger asked Billy to speak about the Lokahi, a board made up of founding members, past presidents and officers. Billy said that every president brings something to the organization and some wisdom. They do not vote but are there for support and to help guide the organization.