

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Lake Ashton Democratic Club
In-Person Only @ HFC Community Room
January 2, 2025, 6:30 PM



Attendance of Board of Directors:

Ron McKie, President
Deanna Mayne, Vice-President
Carolyn Ritz, Treasurer
Paul Ritz, Secretary
Howard Mayne, Parliamentarian
Carol Gillespie, Board Member
Judy Mehal, Board Member
Sheryl Hemingway, Board Member
Howard Kay, Board Member

Call to Order at 6:28 PM by Ron McKie, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of New Members/Attendees:

Robert and Shirley Ference were welcomed to the meeting.

Special Guest Speaker

John Hill, the newly elected Chair of the Polk County DEC, spoke to the group about the function of the DEC and the path forward for Democrats in Polk County, followed by a vigorous question and answer/discussion among the members and guests present.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 5, 2024 General Membership meeting were emailed to members in advance and were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: Emailed to members in advance of the meeting. Balance as of December 28, 2024, was \$588.21. Treasurer Carolyn Ritz reminded everyone that 2025 dues are now due.

Drive-By Food Drive

Pamela June announced that the Lake Ashton Black Heritage Club will be conducting a Drive-by Food Drive on Saturday January 18th from 10am to 2pm in the LA Clubhouse main parking lot. Members are encouraged to participate and spread the word to both the LA community and beyond.

Club Elections:

Parliamentarian Howard Mayne determined that a quorum of paid members was present to properly conduct the elections.

Shelley Miller, representing the Nominating Committee, announced the candidates who came forward for the various open positions. They were:

President: Ron McKie

Secretary: Howard Mayne

Board Members at Large (2): Charles Roland and Phyllis Brushaber

Parliamentarian: Paul Ritz

Shelley made three (3) calls for nominations from the floor and there were none. Ballots were distributed and collected, and all announced candidates were elected unanimously.

Snowflakes-Ron McKie

President Ron McKie discussed the activities of the Snowflakes group and encouraged all members and attendees to get involved if they have not already. He indicated that the next activity of the group will likely be reminding Democratic voters to re-register to Vote By Mail.

February Social Event/Meeting

Vice-President Deanna Mayne confirmed that the February Social Event would coincide with the February 6th General Membership meeting. It will be a pizza party, for which the club will provide pizza & beverages, with members bringing dessert items to share. Members are encouraged to bring guests. Invitations will be sent out via email, with members requested to RSVP, so that a rough headcount can be established.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Ron McKie called for the meeting to be adjourned by acclamation at 7:27 pm.