

**AD HOC COMMITTEE CHARGE
SAFE DEER HERD REDUCTION**

Date: January 28, 2010

I. PURPOSE

The Lake Monticello Ad Hoc Committee on Safe Deer Herd Reduction shall have as its sole purpose the to identify locations, the approach and safety procedures for conducting deer control before an decision can be made on the options presented by the Wildlife Management Committee. This allows the Board and the community to consider the methods and controls that would be used if the decision should be made to reduce the size of the herd.

II. MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

- A. The Ad Hoc Committee on Safe Deer Heard Reduction is a temporary committee made up of members from existing committees that have a contributing role regarding the locations and safety of any herd reduction as follows:
 - 1). Wildlife Management Committee – 2 members selected by the co-chairs of the committee.
 - 2) Golf Committee – 2 members selected by the chair of the committee to represent the possible use of the golf course as a candidate area for herd reduction.
 - 3) Safety Committee – 2 members selected by the chair of the committee who can add safety procedures to methods proposed.
 - 4) Lake Health – 2 members selected by the chair of the committee because some of the possible areas for deer herd reduction are in the watershed areas of the main lake and between Tufton Lake and the main lake.
 - 5) Two members at large appointed by the Board.
- B. The Ad Hoc Committee will elect a chairperson and recording secretary at their first organizational meeting.
- C. In the event of a temporary vacancy caused by illness, or vacation, the Board of Directors will appoint a replacement.

III. MEETINGS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

- A. The Ad Hoc Committee meetings will be open and minutes prepared for the meetings consistent with the By-Laws.
- B. The Ad Hoc Committee will complete its work with a report to the Board detailing locations, recommended approaches, safety and operating procedures for

deer herd reduction. The Committee will participate in an open working session with the Board. In this open session, the community will brief the community on locations selected, safety and operational procedure recommendations and issues and prepare a report for the Board. The Ad Hoc Committee will dissolve once the Board receives its report.

- C. The Ad Hoc Committee shall provide the Board with a verbal update on their progress at the May 2010 Board Meeting, hold a working session in August and deliver its report to the Board of Directors prior to the September 2010 Board meeting.
- D. The Ad Hoc Committee on Safe Deer Herd Reduction shall, as a minimum answer the following questions:
 - 1) Based on experiences of other communities, what safety measures should be put in place prior to and during deer herd management activities?
 - 2) What measures does the Virginia Department of Fish and Game recommend?
 - 3) What procedures should LMOA use for 1) sharpshooting, and 2) organized hunts?
 - 4) What are the pros and cons of one method compared to the other?
 - 5) What costs must LMOA consider?
 - 6) What personnel will be required to administer the deer herd management activities?
 - 7) When should control be accomplished?
 - 8) Where should control be accomplished?
 - 9) How often should control be conducted?
 - 10) What existing hunting rules and regulations would be applicable?
 - 11) What public relations activities should be taken to explain the safety measures and procedures?
 - 12) What recommendations are there regarding disposal of carcasses?
- E. The Ad Hoc Committee on Deer Herd Reduction is to stay focused on lethal methods to provide information on costs, locations, safety and procedural elements and does not have the responsibility to consider other methods of deer management already presented by the Wildlife Management Committee.