

# LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION



## MINUTES MARCH 8, 2004 MOORESVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

### Lake Norman Marine Commissioners Attending

Randy Reece  
Terry Davis  
Earl Kiser  
Rob Digh  
Mark Lancaster

Iredell County  
Mecklenburg County  
Catawba County  
Lincoln County  
Iredell County

### Others Present

Julia Maynard

Centralina Council of Governments

### Minutes

Commissioner Kiser made a motion to approve the Feb. 9, 2004 minutes. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

### Reports

**Charlotte Mecklenburg Lake Patrol** – Officer Lambert reported 48 calls for service, 1 boat inspected, 1 boat assisted, 22 citations issued, 0 boaters warned, 0 navigational hazards removed, 3 crime prevention programs, 0 land arrests, 52 training hours and 0 medical emergencies.

**Town of Cornelius** – Chief McKinney reported have not yet spent time on the water but will start on April 1, 2004.

**Iredell County Sheriff** – No report

**Catawba County Sheriff** – Deputy Minton reported 242 hours patrolled by land, 10 hours patrolled by water, 252 man hours, 8 training hours, 146 property checks, 38 community contacts, 3 boats inspected, 1 PWC inspected, 2 warning citations, 3 hard citations, 1 vessels assisted, and 121 total calls for service. Assisted Charlotte Meck Lake Patrol with the Atlantic Boat Show.

**Lincoln County Sheriff** – No report

**N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission** – Sgt. Mehl reported 225.5 hours on lake 8 citations, 1 written warning no BWI arrests and no accidents.

### **Lake Issues**

**Duke Power** – Ann Duncan reported the lake level was 96.2 and 99 pier applications approved.

**Power Squadron** – Clyde Starr reported they conducted a Safe Boating Class in Davidson with approx. 40 participants. They plan on conducting another one this Spring.

**Coast Guard Auxiliary** – Division 17, Jim Loftin reported they would continue their weekend watch and that patrols would start next month. Flotilla 18-1 had no report.

**Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation** – No report

### **Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge**

**Mecklenburg County Water Quality** – No report

**Lake Norman Lakekeepers** – No report

**Adopt-an-Island Program** – No report

**Hydrilla Committee** – Bob Elliott reported that on Feb. 18, 2004 the committee went to the annual NC Wildlife meeting to request funding. The application was presented and passed with the approval of matching funds. Barbara Beatty wrote two letters to NC Wildlife, which were helpful. The Grass Carp has been ordered and will be put in the end of April. The Wildlife permit was received March 8, 2004 and a copy will need to be sent to Aquatic Weed Control, which Bob Elliott will handle. The location of the release is yet to be determined. Once the specs of the delivery truck are received can decide what location is feasible. Funds are coming in for this project but more are needed. An update will be given at April's meeting. The bill for the carp should be received in May or April and will need to be paid in June.

### **Comments from the Public**

Mike Jones a resident of Lincoln County spoke to the upcoming vote on Boaters Right To Know issue. Mr. Jones stated he spends much time on the water and he is appreciative of the hard work Lincoln County has done on Governor's Island. He does not want to accidentally be exposed to harmful chemical when on the water so asked the LNMC to vote positively on this issue. Commissioner Reese responded that the LNMC is waiting to see the locations mapped by the P&S Committee then will address this issue.

Scott Copeland of Lake Norman Ski Club reported that currently there are 60 families as members and by June he hopes to have 100. The mission of this club is to enhance boating safety through family participation. He would like to see the effectiveness of this club enhanced by the involvement of the LNMC and the Coast Guard. One of their programs is "Learn to Ski" which they hope to offer to 80 kids. Currently the LN Ski Club has 5 ski courses but Mr. Copeland has found no record of any permits. He would like to begin the process of getting permits and also to have permission to move a ski course, which is currently located at The Pointe to the 1109 bridge. He is also in the process of changing the course markers from floating to submerged (Accu-Sinks). This type of marker will be used during the ski season and removed in the off-season. The other courses are currently located at: Cashion's Cove, The Harbour, the State Park (between markers 19 and 20 on the east side) and Mountain Creek. Ten sponsors have helped fund the Accu-Sinks. This club currently functions out of Mr. Copeland's home but the next Membership meeting will be held April 22, 2004 at Southeast Marina. Mr. Copeland also expressed an interest to host a fund-raiser for the LNMC and the local Red Cross with a Show Ski Team performance. He also mentioned that he would like to have a ski ramp in Davidson. Commissioner Reese stated that he appreciated the work Mr. Copeland's group had done and that the fund-raiser sounded like a good idea. He stated that at this time there was no formal permitting process for ski courses but that the LNMC would look into that. He also suggested that Mr. Copeland contact the Town of Davidson regarding the ski ramp and that a copy of this permit proposal be given to the LNMC and Duke Power.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Preservation & Safety Committee – No report**

**Maintenance** Commissioner Digh reported that much progress had been made in the repair of markers and that 85-90% had been completed. There were still just a few shore markers needing repair. He also stated that the Adopt-A-Navigational Aid program was in need of funding. Bob Elliott then reported that the equipment was getting older and was in need of much repair. He also noted that more NavAids were needed. The counties do not provide enough money for this to happen. Mark Mosely of Mosely Construction donated \$500 and the fish club, Stripper Swipers that has over 200 members donated \$1000. After their April tournament they may donate more but have committed to the \$1000. Mr. Elliott provided an Adopt-A-Navigational Aid Program form to the LNMC. Commissioner Reese stated that the LNMC would be sure to set this fund up so that all these donations would be properly used for this purpose.

#### **FERC Applications** –no applications

**Variance Application** – Mr. Walter Jones, lawyer for Mr. Spangler spoke to the LNMC. He gave the LNMC a copy of the application that would be submitted to the Board of Adjustment on March 18, 2004. He also provided a copy of an affidavit that Mr. Dellinger who was hired to modify the pier. This affidavit states it was his unintentional error in this modification and not Mr. Spangler's. After

asking the LNMC to review the photographs Mr. Jones stated there were four actions the LNMC could do:

1. Recommend variance to leave the pier as it is
2. Recommend a variance to move the pier back to it's original location
3. Turn down the variance
4. Take no position

Mr. Jones asked that the LNMC recommend the pier stay where it is. Commissioner Reese stated he appreciated Mr. Jones comments but that he has visited the property and has spoken extensively with Mr. Spangler and the other property owner, Mr. Foster, who are both in a difficult situation. He pointed out that the LNMC is here to bring neighbors together and encourage communication for an amicable solution. He recognizes that Mr. Foster has been caused a problem because:

1. The pier doesn't meet current requirements
2. The pier is out of the pier envelope
3. The pier goes across the projection line
4. Mr. Foster's property is up for sale and he doesn't want this to interfere with the sale.

Commissioner Lancaster stated the Homeowner's Association recommended the pier be moved back while meeting current guidelines.

Accordingly, while no motion was made, it was agreed that the LNMC could not approve Mr. Spangler's request for a Variance.

#### **No-Wake Zone Application** -

A Motion was made by Commissioner Digh to approve the changes to Para (3) of the LNMC Procedure for "No-Wake Buoy" application. Commissioner Davis seconded this motion and the motion was passed.

#### **Administrative Reports**

Commissioner Reese presented Buzz Cobb with a plaque recognizing his significant contributions and many hours spent on the lake helping the efforts of the LNMC.

**Adjournment** –There being no further business, Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Digh and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Maynard