

LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION



MINUTES APRIL 12, 2004 MOORESVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Lake Norman Marine Commissioners Attending

Randy Reece
Earl Kiser
Mark Lancaster

Iredell County
Catawba County
Iredell County

Others Present

Blair Israel

Centralina Council of Governments

Minutes

Commissioner Kiser made a motion to approve the March 8, 2004 minutes. Commissioner Reece seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Reports

Charlotte Mecklenburg Lake Patrol – Officer Lambert reported 47 calls for service, 11 boats inspected, 21 citations issued, 3 boaters warned, 0 arrests, 3 crime prevention programs, 0 drowning victims, 0 boating accidents, 4 navigational hazards removed, 1 boater assisted, 0 BWI, 44 training hours and 0 medical calls.

Town of Cornelius – Baxter Rose reported 5 hours of vessel maintenance, 1 boating accident, 1 stolen PWC, 1 stolen boat, 3 B&E to vessels with 1 arrest, 3 calls for service.

Iredell County Sheriff – Officer Phil Jones reported 1 accident, 4 calls for service, 0 hours of patrol, 4 hours of court

Catawba County Sheriff – Captain Wayne reported 253 hours patrolled by land, 45 hours patrolled by water, 326 total man hours, 97 training hours, 208 property checks, 84 community contacts, 27 boats inspected, 8 PWCs inspected, 11 warning citations, 11 hard citations, 4 vessels assisted, 3 navigational hazards removed and 98 total calls for service. Deputy Burton completed the USCG

Captain's License. Assisted with Jim Ledbetter Memorial fishing tournament. 7 Deputies entered Marine Law Enforcement Training for part-time Lake Patrol.

Lincoln County Sheriff – No report

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission – Sgt. Mehl reported 187.5 hours on lake 46 citations, 12 written warnings, no BWI arrests and no accidents.

Lake Issues

Duke Power – Dennis Wittaker reported the lake level at 97.0 and 160 pier applications approved. A moratorium has been placed on the Habitat Enhancement Fund until October, 2004. Money that has already been deposited to the Foundation will be returned in May.

Power Squadron – No report.

Coast Guard Auxiliary – Division 17, Flotilla 18-1 – 5 patrols, 87 man hours, 0 winter patrols due to the need for wetsuits costing \$1000 each. An April 21 event will feature a fun cruise, a silent auction and a live auction to raise money for the flotilla.

Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – Lighthouse Boating Safety Class is scheduled for May 8, at 2 pm. Bass Masters is coming to Mecklenburg Co. at Lake Wylie, with a Young Masters competition on Lake Norman scheduled for June 24th or 25th.

Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge

Mecklenburg County Water Quality – David Walters reported winter monitoring was performed every month. Results were excellent. New edition of "Protecting Our Lake Watersheds" booklet is available also on CD.

Lake Norman Lakekeepers – No report

Adopt-an-Island Program – No report

Adopt-a-Navigational Aid Program – Nate Davis reported that applications are available on the LNMC website at <http://marinecommission.com/LNpages/home.htm>.

Hydrilla Committee – Bob Elliott reported that the date set for the introduction of the 6000 sterile grass carp has not yet been finalized. The point of introduction will be Queens Cove. The Committee made a request for \$3000 to the Town Of Mooresville April 5th. Additional requests for funding are being made to various county governments, utility companies and private businesses.

Comments from the Public

Nate Davis announced the upcoming boat parade on July 2nd. Carolina Light will sponsor. Additional sponsors are also being sought. Proceeds shall go to Navigational Aids funds for the Lake. The 4th Annual "Wake the Lake" wake boarding competition is scheduled for June 18-20th at Vinnie's. HOA's have complained about this event in the past. Commissioner Reece said the LNMC welcomes any comments.

Committee Reports

Preservation & Safety Committee – Bob Elliot said the Committee met but have no report. Mr. Elliot introduced John Olm as the new pro bono attorney for the LNMC.

Ski Club – The Davidson Lake ski course has been donated to the Ski Club.

Maintenance - Mark Mosely reported a couple of lights have been fixed. The new lights do not permit maintenance so they will have to contact the supplier for technical assistance. Additional maintenance needs on the Lake include a bent pole, which will need to be removed and the replacement of a number of signs damaged by earlier storm activity.

FERC Applications – No applications

Variance Application – No applications.

No-Wake Zone Application -

- a. Morrison Cove – The Morrison Cove HOA has applied to have some buoys that already exist and were approved to an individual, transferred to the HOA. Gus Gustafson commented that the physical arrangement of these buoys does not work well. Comm. Reece has spoken with David Stern about this. Homeowners poled said they were not concerned about the present buoy arrangement of the buoys but would not mind if they were adjusted. Comm. Reece asked Gus to sketch a preferred arrangement on a map. Commissioner Lancaster requested a proposed arrangement for the buoys in question to be sketched on an aerial photo for documentation. A marine contractor has offered to donate a concrete piling for the buoys. Comm. Kiser motioned to approve the Morrison Cove No Wake Zone Application. Comm. Reece seconded. The motion was passed. Comm. Reece further clarified that no additional buoys would be added at that location.

- b. Pier D - The cove in question falls within No Wake Cove width of less than 300'. Commissioner Lancaster motioned to approve the application. Comm. Kiser seconded. The motion passed.

Administrative Reports

Budget amendment – Comm. Kiser made a motion to approve the proposed budget amendment dated April 12, 2004 for the 2003-2004 LNMC Budget. See attachment. Comm. Reece seconded and the motion passed.

Adjournment –There being no further business, Comm. Lancaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Comm. Reece and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Blair Israel