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MINUTES August 9, 2004 MOORESVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Lake Norman Marine Commissioners Attending

Randy Reece	Iredell County
Rob Digh	Lincoln County
Mark Lancaster	Iredell County
Earl Kiser	Catawba County

Staff Present

Bob Elliott
Beth Wallace

Minutes

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the July 12, 2004 minutes. Commissioner Digh seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Reports

Charlotte Mecklenburg Lake Patrol –

Officer Eckerd reported 118 total calls for service, 127 boats inspected, 16 boats assisted, 59 citations issued, 67 boaters warned, 3 navigational hazards removed, 3 crime prevention programs, 1 drowning incident, 4 BWI arrests, 2 boating accidents, 4 training hours, and 1 medical call.

Cornelius Police Dept.

Officer Baxter Rowe reported 12 calls for service, 1 assist, 1 boat inspected, 6 larcenies, and 5 hours on the water.

Iredell County Sheriff

Deputy Phil Jones reported 3 arrests, 6 citations issued, 71 warnings, 5 accidents, 99 total calls for service, 165 vessels inspected, 21 vessels assisted, and 326 total manhours patrolling. Maintained a safety and security zone for fireworks at Queens Landing. Met with USCG/USCG Aux. about SAR Policy. Annual Raft-up was held on July 31st. Reported that rafting ordinance is working at Cocktail Cove.

Catawba County Sheriff

Officer Al Minton reported 237 man hours patrolling on Lake Norman, 146 boats inspected, 13 vessels assisted, 26 citations issued, 40 warnings issued, 115 service calls.

Lincoln County

Officer Hutchens reported 294 water hours, 150 boats checked, 21 calls answered, and 4 events.

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Sgt. D.C. Mehl reported 808 lake hours, 245 citations, 255 warnings, 35 BWI's, and 6 arrests.

Duke Power

Dennis Whitaker reported that the lake level was 97.5. 533 applications were approved. Starting in July they are doing weekly maintenance on the Striper Bass Kill. Working with experts, it has been determined that it's a habitat issue. For more information, contact Christian Waters, NC Wildlife 252-208-7764.

Power Squadron

No report

Coast Guard Auxiliary

- a. No report for Division 17.
- b. Flotilla 18-1 – Jim Kiser reported patrols were in effect every weekend in July with 42 patrol hours and 179 total man hours.

Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec

Isaac Applewhite reported that Bass Master Event went well, and had a successful swim event with 160 swimmers. Mr. Don Bolin is the new Park Watch Coordinator. He will be trained for all areas around the lake.

Mecklenburg County Water Quality

Dave Caldwell reported that the water chemistry indicates normal levels, and that bacteriological sites are normal. A chart was passed out for reference.

Lake Norman Lakekeepers

No report available.

Adopt-an-Island Program

No report available.

Clean Sweep Update

Heather Cleevly reported that volunteers are needed to take trash out of the lake on October 7. Commissioner Lancaster donated a dumpster.

Comments from the Public

Gus Gustafson spoke about the ongoing Striper kill and the need for a restocking program. LNMC agreed to write a letter to NC Wildlife to start the process of looking into this.

Jeff Akins raised questions about the application of the rafting ordinance. Discussed issues with Officer Phil Jones and his questions were answered.

Michael Good also raised questions about applications of the rafting ordinance. He passed out proposed changes to the ordinance. Chairman Reece agreed they would be reviewed with other commissioners.

A question was raised about traffic delay issues with I-77. Officer Jones indicated that the cause for some of the delays is due to people taking their clothes off. A discussion ensued about the fence that used to be along side 77, trying to determine if replacement of the fence would be supported, and if it would solve the problem.

Steve Smith commented on the large raft-ups and how it might affect safety of other boaters in the main channel. There was a discussion with commissioners and law enforcement that there are plenty of locations for rafting. Comments were made that the new ordinance works far better than the old one, and added that we and Bull Dawg Marketing will be determining what the new safety needs are as the raft-up continues to grow.

Committee Reports

A. Preservation & Safety Committee—Nothing to Report

B. Hydrilla – Reported that the next meeting will be about the fact that it will be illegal to catch grass carp.

C. Chairman Reece announced an anonymous donation totaling \$6,000. \$3,000 is in honor of Bob Elliott's hard work on the Hydrilla project, and the other \$3,000 for Gus Gustafson's hard work on Navigational Aids.

D. Maintenance Committee -- There are 10 lights out, 4 of which went out recently. Both markers at 1109 bridge need attention. Harbor Cove at 1100 also needs to be added.

Applications

1. Shake-The-Lake Raft-up to be held at Midtown Sundries on August 21
 - a. Application was reviewed and approved
2. Norman Summer Send-Off to be held at Exit 36 Grille & Billiards on September 18
 - a. Application was reviewed and approved, with the condition that the Iredell Law Enforcement approves the application and advises the LNMC accordingly

Administrative

Commissioner Digh made a motion that we move our regular scheduled meeting to the 3rd Monday in September. Commissioner Lancaster seconded and the motion was passed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Digh seconded and the motion was passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Wallace