

Lake Norman Marine Commission

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Date: October 2004
October Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2004
THE CORNELIUS TOWN HALL
COMMUNITY ROOM

Lake Norman Marine Commissioners Attending

Rob Digh - Lincoln County
Mac Byrum - Lincoln County
Terry Davis - Mecklenburg County
Earl Kiser - Catawba County
Mark Lancaster - Iredell County

Staff Present

Bob Elliott
Beth Wallace

Minutes

Commissioners Kiser made a motion to approve the September 20, 2004 minutes.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Reports - Enforcement

Charlotte Mecklenburg Lake Patrol

Officer Echerd reported 43 total calls for service, 24 boats inspected, 2 boats assisted, 5 citations issued, 9 boaters warned, 1 navigational hazard removed, 1 crime prevention programs, and 48 training hours.

Cornelius Police Department

Officer Clawson reported 3 hours spent on the lake, responded to one call, and assisted CMPD with a missing person.

Iredell County Sheriff

Deputy Jones reported 4 arrests, 16 citations issued, 1 alcohol violation, 22 warnings, 34 totals calls for service, 67 total manhours, 33 vessels inspected, and 12 vessels assisted..

Catawba County Sheriff

Officer Wayne Burton reported 189 hours patrolled land, 80 hours patrolled water, 66 training hours, 335 total man hours, 174 property checks, 123 community contacts, 35 boats inspected, 18 PWC's inspected, 15 warnings, 10 hard citations, 4 vessels assisted, 11 navigational hazards removed, and 62 total calls for service.

Lincoln County

Officer Hutchens reported 180 hours spent on the lake, 25 boats were checked and one event was worked. (For August, 261 hours were spent on the lake, 82 boats were checked and three events were worked.)

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Sgt. Mehl reported 375 lake hours, 56 citations, 47 warnings written, 2 BWI cases, and 2 accidents.

Reports - Lake Issues

Duke Power

Dennis Whitaker reported that the lake level was 98.7 and has received 488 applications year to date.

Power Squadron

No report

Coast Guard Auxiliary - Division 17

No report

Coast Guard Auxiliary - Flotilla 18-1

Jim Kiser reported 4 patrol hours and 20 total man hours.

Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation

No report

Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge

Mecklenburg County Water Quality

No report

Lake Norman Lakekeepers

Bruce Andersen reported 3 violations calls, and various call during and after flooding from Hurricane Frances. Cynthia Jones, Lincoln County Lakekeeper is working with Lincoln County Commissioners to search for ways to have greater protection for the drinking water intake in the Little Creek Area. It was noted that there is a request for LNMC not to approve community boat dock next to 4 environmentally protected coves upstream of the intake. Also noted is Chuck St. Clair, Iredell County Lakekeeper, reporting that there is a backlog of Notices of Violation issued by DENR for buffer clearing, but no action has been taken.

Adopt-an-Island

Bob Elliott reported for Chuck and Sandra Bralley who manage the program, that 58,000 pounds of trash have been collected in a little over 3 years ago. He also reported for Sandra that the 2004 Clean Sweep was a big success, but that total figures were not available as yet.

Comments from the public

None

Committee Reports

A. Preservation & Safety

1. Administrative - There will be a meeting October 29th at 9 a.m.

2. Hydrilla -Bob Elliott reported that Duke Power is completing their review of the acreage of Hydrilla on the lake and will provide the amount of acreage and a location map shortly. It is expected that the recently reported Parrotfeather found on the lake as a result of the recent flooding will probably begin showing up next summer. In view of another exotic weed being found the Hydrilla Committee will consider recommending the LNMC that it change the Committee name to the Aquatic Weed Control Committee.

B. Maintenance Committee

1. Adopt-A-Nav-Aid program- Earl Kiser is working with Gary Mozley to get a database completed to use in helping to maintain an adequate inventory in order to decrease the time of repairing or replacing NavAids.
2. Donations - Any donation amount is acceptable.

Applications

A. FERC Application for Davidson Pointe and Davidson Estates Buzz Cobb reported that the requested changes were made on the drawings regarding Davidson Regulations on permitting only 10 HP engines or less on developments in their jurisdiction. Discussion ensued and determined that with Davidson Lake being environmentally sensitive, a meeting will be pulled together prior to next commission meeting to collect more information. Commissioner Davis made a motion to table application until the next meeting. Commissioner Lancaster seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

B. No Wake Buoy Application - Wildwood Cove Owner's Association

Commissioner Lancaster reported that this site hasn't been inspected and must be tabled until the next meeting.

Administrative Matters -

A. Congratulations

Commissioner Lancaster just returned from honeymoon. Congratulations!

B. December Meeting

Commissioner Davis made a motion to cancel the December meeting. Commissioner Kiser seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

C. Welcome

Chairman Digh welcomed Commissioner Mac Byrum as a new commissioner for LNMC.

Commissioner Kiser made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lancaster seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Wallace