

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**March 26, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

**Belmont City Hall
115 North Main Street
Belmont, NC**

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Chairman Joe Stowe (Gaston County), Commissioner Bo Ibach (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Troy Blackmon (York County) Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Dan Ballou (York County)

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Don Cloninger (York County), Vice-Chairman Billy McLean (Gaston County)

LWMC Staff Present: Mike McLaurin, Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel, Annette Lawing, Clerk,

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Joe Stowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.	
Approve Minutes – February 26, 2007	The minutes from the February 26, 2007 meeting were approved.	A motion was made by Commissioner Ibach to approve the February 26, 2007 LWMC meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Ballou. The motion was approved.
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - None	

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Public Comments	Public Comments – None	
County Reports	<p>Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department and SPLASH Report – Officer Terry Everhart reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ SPLASH Trailer – Trailer is complete except for shelving ❑ Southern Spring Show – This event is too crowded for SPLASH to be successful ❑ Training – set up training with Gaston County. Went to Wrightsville Beach to train with Coast Guard. ❑ Chris Decarlo – Chris distributed several variations of laminated pamphlets in which can be distributed to area boaters. These pamphlets displays the various boating safety rules and emergency contact numbers (NC and SC), Some of the information included are; who can operate a PWC or a motorboat, equipment regulations, operation information, emergency contact numbers and information on boating safety classes. As requested by the Commission at the February 26, 2007 LWMC business meeting, Chris presented a quote of approximately \$775 - \$1200 to print and laminate 1,000 of these pamphlets. Once ordered, the turn around time is 5-7 days. Chris would like to move forward with this project so this information can be handed out to area boaters during the upcoming boating season. ❑ Photo Shoot – Chairman Stowe stated that getting all of the law enforcement agencies together for a photo that will eventually be displayed on an area billboard has been an ongoing task. Hopefully, with the weather getting nicer, we will soon be moving forward with the photo shoot. Vice Chairman Billy McLean and Clerk Annette Lawing will be contacting the law enforcement agencies in near future to schedule this shoot. <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Osborne reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Recently had sonar radar installed on boat <p>York County Sheriff’s Office – Sgt Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ New 800 MHz radio system was installed on boat ❑ Have 2 new jet skis and is currently getting them decaled. ❑ Starting 12 hr summer shift rotation on May 1st <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources – No report</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ballou to allow expenditures up to \$1,000 on the printing of 1,000 safety brochures that was presented to the commission by CMPD. Seconded by Secretary / Treasurer DuPuy. The motion was approved.</p>

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<p>County Reports (continued)</p>	<p>Tega Cay Police Department – No report</p> <p>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources – Sgt. Todd Campbell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Currently on the lake on weekends and a few days during the week ❑ Will have a new officer in York County in about 2 weeks ❑ Have a new boat for the upcoming boating season ❑ Fishing Rodeo is May 12th and would like to request that the LWMC be a sponsor of this event again this year. The cost for sponsorship is \$250. There will be prizes given away, as well as, T-shirts and free fishing rods to the children. The pond will be stocked with 3,000 pounds of catfish for fishing, climbing walls, and a turkey shoot. This event has been very successful and has grown tremendously in the past couple of years. Commissioner Ballou asked Sgt Campbell if local businesses are sponsors. Sgt Campbell replied that there are a lot of local hunting and fishing businesses in the York County area that are sponsors and volunteers. Commissioner Bo Ibach suggested that Sgt Campbell contact John Mills with the Bass Pro Shop for donations. <p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – David Buetow reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ David distributed the January 2007 Lake Wylie Water Quality Conditions and Bacteriological results. ❑ The water quality results in the South Fork and Crowder’s Creek testing sites were down from a year ago. This was due to several days of heavy rain prior to the testing date. ❑ There were three (3) sites on the bacteriological results that were above 200 (fecal coliform colonies / 100 ml. These three (3) sites were Dutchman’s Creek, South Fork and Crowder’s Creek. <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Kermitt Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Pier Approvals (9) ❑ Lake level is at 97.1 ❑ Shoreline Stabilizations Applications (4) <p>Lake Wylie Lakekeeper – No report</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ibach to become a \$250 sponsor of the SCDNR Fishing Rodeo. The motion was seconded by Secretary / Treasurer DuPuy. The motion was approved.</p>

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County Reports (continued)	<p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – Jason Holden reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Installed a toolbox on boat to store equipment for installing buoys. ❑ One (1) missing buoy in Browns Cove. Will be installing a replacement within a week 	
Environmental	<p>Public Notification of Spills - Commissioner Dan Ballou reported that the York County Council made part of its legislative agenda for SC to conform to NC standards in terms of notification of spills.</p>	
Request for Comments	<p>Request by the York County Sheriff’s Office to Place Floating Barrier near Catawba Nuclear Plant – Captain Glenn Williams presented information to the commission</p> <p>The York County Sherriff’s Office, along with Duke Energy, requests that the Lake Wylie Marine Commission support and endorse the effort of placing a floating barrier under the bridge on Concord Road to prohibit boat traffic from approaching the Catawba Nuclear Station unimpeded. Currently, this area is restricted by sign/buoys placed by the Department of Natural Resources. Often, boaters disregard these signs and enter this area. Approval has already been received from DNR. The cost of the barrier system and installation will be funded through Department of Homeland Security grant funding that has been awarded to York County through SLED.</p> <p>The commission was provided photos of the area and information on the barrier system.</p> <p>Commissioner Blackmon asked Capt Williams what type of product is the barrier made of. Capt. Williams responded by stating that the structure is made of a plastic material that will allow it to float.</p> <p>Chairman Stowe asked the York County Sheriff’s Department how often they are called because of boater’s going into this restricted area. Sgt Mabry answered by stating at least a couple times a week.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ballou to approve the proposed floating barrier project near the Catawba Nuclear Plant, as submitted by the York County Sheriff’s Office. Seconded by Secretary / Treasurer DuPuy. The motion was approved.</p>
Update on Splash Trailer and Graphics	<p>Update on Splash Trailer and Graphics – See County Reports (CMPD) for update</p>	

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<p>Update on the Interbasin Transfer Application by Concord and Kannapolis</p>	<p>Update on IBT – Chairman Joe Stowe updated the commission on the IBT.</p> <p>Chairman Stowe stated that there was a press conference held in Hickory, NC this morning at 10:00am regarding the IBT. Secretary Treasurer Sandy DuPuy stated that the purpose of the press conference was to announce two bills that had been introduced in the NC General Assembly. Another conference is to be scheduled in the South Carolina area in the near future. Executive Director Mike McLaurin added that he has copies of these two bills if any of the commissioners would like to review them. Changes to the legislation are being introduced in order to better govern the regulations of interbasin transfer requests. The Commission will continue to monitor these bills and information on the IBT.</p>	
<p>Update on the Law Enforcement Facility Contract</p>	<p>Update on Law Enforcement Facility – Chairman Joe Stowe and Legal Counsel Chris Clark reported</p> <p>Legal Counsel Chris Clark has contacted SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Attorney Paul League several times over the last couple of months to discuss any concerns they may have regarding the sublease. A suggestion from Chairman Stowe was for Chris to schedule a face-to-face meeting with Paul League to speed up the approval process. Chris has scheduled this suggested meeting for Friday, March 30, 2007 in Columbia, SC. Chris will report back to the commission at the April business meeting.</p> <p>Sgt Todd Campbell (SCDNR) suggested that Chris Clark contact Col.. Alvin Taylor with SCDNR to invite him to attend this meeting as well.</p> <p>Commissioner Dan Ballou updated the commission regarding the York County lease. This lease has been executed by York County and the LWMC has been advised to proceed with submitting a permit application in order to locate the mobile home on the law enforcement facility property. At this point, it looks as if there should not be any problems getting the permit. Commissioner Ballou will keep the commission updated in the weeks to come.</p> <p>Commissioner Ballou and Executive Director McLaurin to follow up getting a copy of the signed lease agreement from York County.</p>	

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Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet	<p>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="512 253 1629 613">□ Public Information, Website Update – Secretary Treasurer Sandy DuPuy reported that the LWMC website homepage has been updated with information regarding boating classes, IBT updates and Hydrilla reports. She is in the process of talking with David Buetow (LUESA) on inserting their water quality / bacteriological reports on the website. She would like to implement a slide show of lake photos on homepage. Secretary Treasurer DuPuy will email the commissioners and reporting agencies a “Lake Wylie Facts” draft for their review. This draft includes marina information, law enforcement information and contact numbers and history information about Lake Wylie. Once suggestions or revisions are made, this information will be posted on the website as well. <li data-bbox="512 618 1629 1382">□ Public Information, Hydrilla Report – Commissioner Bo Ibach reported that on March 7, 2007, he attended the Aquatic Week Council meeting with Ken Manuel (Duke Energy). There was a lot of informative information on Hydrilla as well as Alligatorweed. The difference between these two aquatic weeds is that Alligatorweed is a surface plant and is more easily treated. Unfortunately, Hydrilla can grow in a water depth of 20 feet and in Lake Wylie, you can only see about 3 to 5 feet below the surface. Sterile grass carp has been suggested as the most efficient means to control the growth of Hydrilla. However, the state would most likely not fund to stock Lake Wylie with the carp due to not enough infested acreage to warrant fish. Ibach said that it would be better to try to control 10 acres versus 200 acres later on. Commissioner Ibach would like to see the commission be pro-active with this issue and ask the three funding counties for their support and then create a specific Hydrilla fund. This Hydrilla issue will be an ongoing problem and it needs to be addressed as such. Executive Director Mike McLaurin suggested that not seek a separate funding from the counties but instead any Hydrilla funding requests should be part of the commission’s annual request to the counties. Commissioner Ballou asked Commissioner Ibach if this would be a reoccurring line item every budget year. Commissioner Ibach replied that the amount of money needed would decrease through the years once the Hydrilla is under control and only maintenance is needed. Mike McLaurin to follow up with Commissioner Ibach next week to discuss the suggestion of budget request. 	
Finance and Activity Report	<p>Finance and Activity Report – Executive Director Mike McLaurin reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="512 1458 1184 1490">□ Some funds were moved for longer terms savings 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ FY07-08 budget – the commission did not have to ask for an increase from the FY06-07 year from any of the three funding counties. 	
Other Business	<p>Chairman’s Report – Chairman Stowe thanked the commissioners and the reporting agencies for their good work on communicating with each other and getting things done on Lake Wylie.</p> <p>Executive Directors Report – Mike McLaurin reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ FERC Relicensing Scoping Meeting in Mooresville on March 27th He will give a three-minute overview on the LWMC Law Enforcement Facility. □ Wal-Mart in Tega Cay – Tega Cay has rewritten their development ordinance to include notification to the Lake Wylie Marine Commission of any development that goes on in Tega Cay. On Thursday, March 29th, McCory Construction will be holding a pre-construction meeting at the proposed site. LWMC has been asked to attend this meeting to that we can be aware of the BMP (Best Management Practices) that they will use to prevent any runoff going into Lake Wylie. Chairman Stowe and Mike McLaurin will be attending this meeting but also encourages other commissioners to attend. 	
Public Comments	<p>Public Comments –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Sgt Todd Campbell (SCDNR) informed the commission that last year the commission approved funding for Chem-Lites for SCDNR. These Chem-Lites were never purchased because SCDNR had enough stock to get them through the season. However, SCDNR needs to restock for the upcoming boating season and would like to request the commission approve the funding once again. 	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ibach to fund up to \$400.00 to stock Chem-Lites for SCDNR. Seconded by Commissioner Blackmon. The motion was approved.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned on motions by Commissioner Ibach and Secretary Treasurer DuPuy</p>

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Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on April 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at River Hills Community Association, 102 Hamilton Ferry Road, Lake Wylie, SC	

Annette Lawing, Marine Commission Clerk

Date