

# Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**April 23, 2007  
7:00 p.m.**

**River Hills Community Association  
102 Hamilton Ferry Road  
Lake Wylie, SC**

## Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Joe Stowe (Gaston County), Commissioner Bo Ibach (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Don Cloninger (York County)

**Commissioners Absent:** Vice-Chairman Billy McLean (Gaston County), Commissioner Dan Ballou (York County), Troy Blackmon (York County)

**LWMC Staff Present:** Mike McLaurin, Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

**LWMC Staff Absent:** Annette Lawing, Clerk

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chairman Joe Stowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.	
<b>Approve Minutes – March 26, 2007</b>	The minutes from the March 26, 2007 meeting were approved.	A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy to approve the March 26, 2007 LWMC meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Ibach. The motion was approved.

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<b>Public Comments</b>	<b>Public Comments</b> – Jimmy Helms expressed concerned that people are fishing from the docks at Copperhead Access and this is creating a problem for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary as they try to bring their boats to the dock. The Chairman asked Mr. Helms to speak to the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department about this.	
<b>2007-2008 Budget</b>	<p><b>2007-2008 Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no public comments</li> <li>• McLaurin explained that the budget consists of a request to each of the funding Counties in the amount of \$ 25,000. \$ 724.00 would be in Miscellaneous Revenue. The Expenditures portion of the budget consists of \$ 26,022.00 in Administrative and Public Relations, \$ 34,135.00 in Public Safety and \$ 15,567.00 in Environmental. The COG contract is \$ 29,993.</li> <li>• Chair Joe Stowe asked that the Marine Commission vote on the COG contract at its May meeting noting that the COG has served the Marine Commission well and would like to see this continue in the future.</li> </ul>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Cloninger and Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy to open the public hearing.</p> <p>A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy and Commissioner Ibach to close the public hearing.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioners Ibach and Cloninger to approve the FY 2007-2008 Budget consisting of Revenues of \$75,724 and Expenditures of \$75,724.</p>

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<p><b>County Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department and SPLASH Report</b> – Officer Terry Everhart distributed a listing of activities since January 2007. During March the Lake Enforcement Unit had worked in the following areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Southern Spring Show – Worked the information booth</li> <li>❑ Presentations – Gave presentations at Southwest Middle School and Alexander Graham School.</li> <li>❑ Training – Attended Standard Filed Sobriety Class at Cornelius Police Department; attended firearms qualifications; attended joint training with Gaston County Police Department at the US Coast Guard Station in Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach.</li> <li>❑ Officer Everhart invited the Marine Commissioners to join them at a Water Safety Forum at W. Kerr Scott Reservoir on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The US Army Corp of Engineers is sponsoring the forum.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gaston County Police Department</b> – Officer Osborne reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The boat is operational and patrolling on the weekends.</li> </ul> <p><b>York County Sheriff’s Office</b> – Deputy Ware reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Investigated a report of a boat sinking</li> <li>❑ Went out and picked up a buoy which had broken loose near the dam</li> </ul> <p><b>N.C. Wildlife Resources</b> – No report</p> <p><b>Tega Cay Police Department</b> – No report</p> <p><b>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources</b> – Sgt. Todd Campbell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ York County now has three officers. The latest officer is Mark Ferrell who was present and was introduced to the Marine Commission</li> <li>❑ Fishing Rodeo will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Marine Commission is welcome to set up a booth at the event.</li> <li>❑ Chem Sticks have been ordered</li> <li>❑ Requested that the Marine Commission provide a list of buoys that need replaced or repaired to him so that he can forward to the Charleston office for further action.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>County Reports (continued)</b></p>	<p><b>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – No Report</b></p> <p><b>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Kermitt Taylor reported</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pier Approvals (17)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lake level is at 97.3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline Stabilizations Applications (4)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dredge (1)</li> </ul> <p>Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy asked about the type of information provided and what the information meant in considering larger lake issues. Kermitt said that he would be interested in working with the Marine Commission to determine what additional information they might need in order to be better informed to make decisions regarding the Lake.</p> <p><b>Lake Wylie Lakekeeper –</b> A written report had been prepared and sent to the Marine Commission with their agenda package. They were discussions about problems with Carolina Water Service. The consensus was to invite Carolina Water Service representatives to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – Jason Holden reported</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Replaced the buoy at Browns Cove.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Would like the Marine Commission to purchase Plexiglas to help protect the regulations that are being posted.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Environmental</b></p>	<p><b>Update on Hydrilla in Lake Wylie -</b> Commissioner Ibach referred the Marine Commissioners to the recent Charlotte Observer article that had been written on Hydrilla. Bo said that Duke Power is working to put together a plan for addressing Hydrilla on the Lake. Ibach said that he would like to see the Marine Commission contribute \$ 100.00 to this effort. Bo estimated that Lake Wylie would need 1,000 fish. Commissioner Ibach said that he hopes that the Lake Wylie plan will be completed by May.</p>	
<p><b>Update on Interbasin Transfer</b></p>	<p>Chairman Stowe said that South Carolina State Senator Hayes and House member Gullick are working on legislation, which will better help regulate interbasin withdrawals.</p>	

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<b>Update on the Law Enforcement Facility</b>	<p><b>Update on the Law Enforcement Facility</b> – Chairman Stowe said that he is working with York County to try to address any issues before they give their final approval.</p> <p>Mike McLaurin and Chris Clark went to meet with SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Attorney Paul League to review the subcontract between the Marine Commission and SC DNR. Both Mike and Chris said that there were some several revisions that appeared could be resolved quickly. Mr. League will continue his efforts to get the contract approved by state officials.</p>	
<b>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet</b>	<p><b>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Public Information, Website Update</b> – Secretary Treasurer Sandy DuPuy reported that recent changes on the webpage include adding a Safe Boating page along with emergency contacts information. DuPuy said that she would like to add copies of meeting minutes from the Bi-State Catawba River Commission page since they are not accessible on any other website. She asked Chairman Stowe if he would ask the Bi State Commission if they would like for the LWMC website to host their minutes.</li> </ul>	
<b>Finance and Activity Report</b>	<p><b>Finance and Activity Report</b> – Executive Director Mike McLaurin reviewed the finance report and activities report with the Commission.</p>	
<b>Other Business</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s Report</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wal-Mart</b> - Chairman Stowe participated in a walk through of the new Wal-Mart site on Highway 160. Bill Osborne of McCrory Construction led the walk through. Mr. Osborne has told Stowe that the company and its subcontractors will work to insure that sediment will not flow off site and into the Lake. The Marine Commission is welcomed to inspect the site by contacting Mr. Osborne.</li> <li>• <b>Letter to Senator Hayes</b> – Chairman Stowe ask for the Marine Commission’s authorization to send a letter to Senator Hayes requesting that the Marine Commission be allowed to take over the maintenance of the buoys on the South Carolina portion of the Lake. He noted that there had been a number of problems</li> </ul>	

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<b>Other Business (continued)</b>	<p>last year in trying to get repairs to come to Wylie. He was sympathetic that the State is understaffed and this may be a way for the Marine Commission to be of assistance. Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy asked who would pay for the buoys and labor. The Chairman stated that the cost could be negotiated with the State.</p> <p><b>Executive Directors Report</b> – Mike McLaurin had nothing to report.</p>	
<b>Public Comments</b>	<b>Public Comments</b> – None	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm	The meeting was adjourned on motions by Commissioner Ibach and Secretary Treasurer DuPuy
<b>Next Business Meeting Date and Location</b>	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on May 30, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Red Fez Club, 16,600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte, NC	

Michael McLaurin, Marine Commission Executive Director

Date