

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**January 26, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

**Camp Thunderbird
One Thunderbird Lane
Lake Wylie, SC**

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Chairman Sandy DuPuy (Mecklenburg County), Secretary Treasurer Smitty Hanks (Gaston County), Commissioner David Cloninger (Gaston County), Commissioner Ron Wanless (York County), Commissioner Terry Everhart (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Howard Virkler (Mecklenburg County), Vice Chairman Vernon Peers (York County)

LWMC Staff Present: Joe Stowe, Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel, Annette Lawing, Clerk

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Sandy DuPuy called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.	
Approve Minutes – November 24, 2008	The minutes from the November 24, 2008 meeting were approved.	A motion was made by Vice Chairman Peers to approve the November 24, 2008 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Everhart. The motion was approved.

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Approval of the January 26, 2009 Meeting Agenda	The January 26, 2009 meeting agenda was approved as submitted	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - None	
Public Comments	<p>Public Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ James Zecher, USG Captain with Tow Boat US, informed the commission that they would be providing services to boaters on Lake Wylie. A few of those services include jump starting disabled boats and towing. Tow Boat US has one 22' boat and two 25' boats for use on Lake Wylie. 	
Legal Counsel's Report	<p>Legal Counsel's Report –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Executive Director Contract – At its November 24, 2008 LWMC business meeting, the commission approved the Executive Director proposal submitted by Joe Stowe. The approved proposal stated the Mr. Stowe would receive an annual salary of \$15,000 in addition to \$1,000 in travel expenses. Since this approval, Mr. Stowe met with his CPA and discussed details of the contract and was advised to request an increase in salary due to tax requirements. The commission discussed this revision and approved the change in the contract amount from \$15,000 to \$18,000. Joe Stowe began his new position as Executive Director on January 1, 2009. 	A motion was made by Commissioner Cloninger to approve the revised Executive Director's contract to \$18,000 annually with \$1,000 for travel expenses. Seconded by Commissioner Wanless. The motion was approved.
Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer's Report – Secretary Treasurer Smitty Hanks reported</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Finance Report - The monthly finance report was distributed to the commissioners. Secretary Treasurer Hanks suggested that the Commission revise their current budget in to add the Executive Director's salary as a line item. These funds would be used out of the current reserve and added to the FY08-09 budget. Administrative Clerk Annette Lawing to make the requested revisions and present the proposed budget revision to the commission at its March 23, 2009 meeting. b. Presentation of the FY2007-2008 Audit – CPA Mike Burns provided the audit results to the commission prior to its business meeting. This was the first year that Mr. Burns was contracted by LWMC to complete their annual audit and stated that it well very smoothly. He then opened the floor for questions. With no questions 	A motion was made by Commissioner Wanless that the Commission amend the FY08-09 budget by transferring funds from the current reserve to cover the Executive Director's salary. Seconded by Commissioner

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Treasurer's Report (continued)	<p>from the commission, the audit was accepted as submitted.</p> <p>c. FY2009-2010 Budget Preparation – Annette Lawing, Administrative Clerk, distributed a draft FY09-10 budget. Ms. Lawing requested that the commission review the information and send any revisions to her prior to the March 2009 business meeting.</p>	Cloninger. The motion was approved.
Executive Director's Report	<p>Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Joe Stowe reported</p> <p>a. Meetings – ED Stowe met with NC Wildlife representatives to discuss their involvement with the Lake Wylie Marine Commission. Mr. Stowe stressed the importance of a good relationship between NC Wildlife and the Lake Wylie Marine Commission. Stowe also met with House Representative Herb Kirsh. This meeting was aimed to build relationships on the state level. Rep Kirsh was very supportive of the LWMC and supplied the commission with a list of delegates to use as a future resource.</p> <p>b. Buoys – Mr. Stowe requested that an individual commissioner be a point of contact for keeping a tally of existing and/or missing buoys on the lake. Commissioner Smitty Hanks volunteered to take on this task. Ellen Goff with the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation stated that the Covekeepers would be happy to assist in this effort.</p> <p>c. Law Enforcement Facility – Fencing around the facility has been installed. Landscaping was also completed. Will begin ramp construction within the next couple of weeks. On February 12th, Mr. Stowe will meet with David Larsen of York County for a pre-bid meeting for the boat house. The Commission received a check for \$29,000 from the York County Delegation. The commission would like to install a sign at the facility but will need review the current lease agreement to see if there are any sign restrictions.</p>	
Chairman's Report Chairman's Report	<p>Chairman's Report – Chairman Sandy DuPuy reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strategic Workshop – the LWMC strategic workshop has been scheduled for January 30, 2009 from 8:15 – Noon at the COG offices. ➤ Mandatory Boater Education – Chairman DuPuy distributed to the Commission a copy of the draft bill for mandatory boater education for their review. To learn more about this proposed bill, Chairman DuPuy has invited Pete Deschenes of the Joint Select Committee to come speak at the February 23, 2009 LWMC meeting. ➤ Water Safety Forum is scheduled for May 5-6th. ➤ NC Aquatic Weed Control Council Meeting – is scheduled for March 4th. Commissioner Virkler and ED Joe Stowe will be attending this meeting. 	

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(continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Draft Water Allocation Study – Chairman DuPuy reviewed the comments that were submitted by the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation then drafted a letter of support on behalf of the Lake Wylie Marine Commission. ➤ Law Enforcement Agencies Year-End Reports – Chairman DuPuy requested that all of the reporting law enforcement agencies provide the Commission with a copy of their year end reports. These reports are vital in tracking activities on the lake. 	
Old Business	Old Business - None	
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Commission Projects Report	Commission Projects Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project S-01, Law Enforcement Facility – See Executive Director’s Report for update. ➤ Project E-1, Concord / Kannapolis IBT – SC Attorney General’s office announced that the Supreme Court denied Dukes’ and the City of Charlottes’ request to become interveners. ➤ Project PI-01, Notification of Sewage Spills – Commissioners Wanless contacted NCDENR and SC DHEC to ask what the requirements for public notification of sewage spills on Lake Wylie. Commissioner Wanless learned that a discharger report is sent to the state and the only time that the public is notified is when 1,000 gallons or more reaches the streams. On Lake Norman, public notifications are put on residents doorknobs. Commissioner Wanless will continue his research and report new information at the March 2009 LWMC meeting. 	
Stakeholders Reports	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report – Officer Everhart reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly Activity Summary (November - December 2008) ● (31) Calls for Service ● (0) Boats Inspected ● (2) Boaters Assisted ● (0) Boaters Warned ● (0) Boating Accident ● (2) Navigational Hazards Removed 	

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Adjournment	<p>There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Everhart to adjourn the January 26, 2009 business meeting. Seconded by Secretary Treasurer Hanks. The motion was approved.</p>

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Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on February 23, 2009 at 7:00 at the Red Fez Club, 16,6000 Red Fez Club Rd, Charlotte, NC.	

Annette Lawing, Clerk