

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**February 22, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

**Red Fez Club
16,600 Red Fez Club Road
Charlotte, NC**

Minutes - REVISED

Commissioners Present: Chair Smitty Hanks (Gaston County), Vice Chair Terry Everhart (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Ron Wanless (York County), Commissioner Bill Campbell (Gaston County), Commissioner Phil Land (York County), Secretary Treasurer Vernon Peers (York County), Commissioner Howard Virkler (Mecklenburg County)

LWMC Staff Present: Joe Stowe, Executive Director, Annette Demeny, Commission Clerk

LWMC Staff Absent: Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chair Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.	
Approve Minutes – January 25, 2010	The minutes from January 25, 2010 were approved.	Secretary Treasurer Peers made a motion to approve the January 25, 2010 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Virkler. The motion was approved.

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Approval of the February 22, 2010 Meeting Agenda	The February 22, 2010 meeting agenda was approved.	A motion was made by Commissioner Virkler to approve the February 22, 2010 Agenda. Seconded by Secretary Treasurer Peers. The motion was approved.
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda – None	
Public Comments	Public Comments – None	
Stakeholder Reports	<p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report – Officer DeCarlo reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked the Mid-Atlantic Boat Show in Charlotte February 11th – 14th. SPLASH was on hand to meet and greet visitors. <p>Gaston County Sheriff’s Office - Officer May reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winterized Jet Skis • Worked the Mid-Atlantic Boat Show in Charlotte February 11th – 14th. <p>York County Sheriff’s Office – Sgt Brent Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have had several calls in the last week for boats breaking loose from docks due to high water. <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources – No one was present to give report</p> <p>Tega Cay Police Department – No one was present to give report</p> <p>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources – Officer Mark Ferrell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housed the SCDNR boat in the new boathouse at the Law Enforcement Center 	

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Stakeholder Reports (cont.)	<p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – David Buetow reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality Conditions (January 2010): Results were in the Supporting to Supporting +. • Bacteriological Results (January 2010) – All sites had very good results. • LUSI Scores (November 2009) – This document reflects LUSI results for Lake Wylie, Lake Norman and Mountain Island Lake. 	
Stakeholders Reports (continued)	<p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Ronnie Lawson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake level – 96.8 (target is 97’) <p>Lake Wylie Lakekeeper – Ellen Goff reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Goff requested that a meeting be scheduled with the Commission to discuss the 2010 Riversweep. The Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation is in hopes that the 2010 event will be bigger and better than ever. Would like to implement ECO booths for organizations to distribute brochures or prizes. • Covekeeper Training Class – have 25 participants • Continuing to see erosion issues due to foreclosure homes being unfinished and no one taking care of run-off problems. <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – No one was present to give a report</p>	
Adopt-a-Stream Program	<p>Adopt-a-Stream Program – Commissioner Campbell introduced guest speakers Tom Smith and Susan Anderson with York County and Jim Burke with Gaston County.</p> <p>York County – The York County Adopt-a-Stream program has been established to improve the quality of water in our lakes, river and streams by establishing a connection between citizens and their surrounding environment. Initiated by York County Government in 2009, this program promotes education and outreach. Many of the lakes and streams located within York County have been identified as impaired. York County encourages local businesses, civic organizations, churches, homeowner associations and scout troops to adopt local streams, rivers, lakes, and coves for the purpose of keeping them free of litter and potential pollutants. Adopting groups agree to collect litter on both sides of the stream at least two (2) times per year. The adopting group is encouraged to adopt a stream for a period not less than two (2) years. After two (2) years, organizations</p>	

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<p>Adopt-a-Stream Program (continued)</p>	<p>may renew their designation or modify their agreement. York County has approached Lowe’s Home Improvement to possibly adopt a cove.</p> <p>Gaston County – Gaston County is a member of the Regional Stormwater Partnership in which 23 communities participate in training and education regarding stormwater issues. They are also provided with stormwater cleanup supplies such as; waders, gloves, bags and Adopt-a-Stream signs. Gaston County has some of the same guidelines as York County. Citizen’s activities include cleanup efforts, storm drain stenciling and reporting of pollution problems. Gaston County’s guidelines are very similar to York County’s Adopt-a-Stream program.</p> <p>Commissioner Wanless asked how the Counties deal with trespassing on private property when cleaning up streams. Councilman Tom Smith replied that the County will contact the property owners and ask them to sign a waiver allowing workers to cleanup stream banks.</p> <p>The Commissioners thanked both Gaston County and York County representatives for educating the Commission on this wonderful program.</p>	
<p>Request for Approval</p>	<p>Request for Approval –</p> <p>No Wake Buoys at Tailrace Marina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As requested by the Lake Wylie Marine Commission, Cary Ayres with SkipJack Marine Development submitted a No Wake request for 4 No Wake Buoys at Tailrace Marina. These existing buoys were installed at the direction of FERC in 1998 during approval process of this project. The buoys were not officially approved by the Commission therefore, not enforceable by law enforcement. As part of the approval process, Commissioners visited this site and agreed to approve the existing buoys and to leave them in place until replacements are needed. At that point, LWMC will order new pencil buoys. <p>Buoys in front of Boathouse for Fire Station 38</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlotte Fire Department is requesting that the existing buoys be moved approximately 100 yards toward the mouth of the cove and add at one more buoy to the width of the cove. This is needed to protect the Fire Department’s fueling facility as well as protect ramp access for emergency watercraft. Extension of the bridge No Wake Zone, not just at the boathouse, would help in reducing confusion 	<p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Everhart to approve the 4 existing buoys at Tailrace Marina. LWMC sticker to be placed on buoys and replaced as needed at the expense of the Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Wanless. The motion was approved.</p> <p>A motion was made</p>

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Request for Approval (continued)	of the boaters about two separate zones. CMPD Officer Chris Decarlo and Captain Rodney Sawyer with CFD Station 38 we present to encourage the Commission to approve this request. The Commission discussed and approved the request.	by Vice Chairman Everhart to approve the request to move the No Wake about 100' towards the mouth of the cove and replace two existing buoys with 4 large lighted LWMC buoys. Seconded by Commissioner Virkler. The motion was approved.
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer's Report – Secretary Treasurer Peers reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Report - The monthly finance report was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting. There were no questions. 	
Executive Director's Report	Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Joe Stowe reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Enforcement Facility Update – Law Enforcement agencies are beginning to house their boats in the boathouse. Scheduling concrete to be poured to connect ramp with pad. Commission to plan an open house in the near future. • Safe Boating Courses: NC Wildlife will be conducting a course on March 6th from 9am – 4pm at the Mt. Holly Citizens Center. SCDNR will be hosting a course on March 20th from 9am – 5pm at the York County Law Enforcement Facility. 	
Chairman's Report	Chairman's Report – Chair Smitty Hanks reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals Workshop – The Commissioners were urged to commit to projects and goals that were generated from the Strategic Workshop. • No Wake Signs – The Commissioners voiced that the No Wake Signs that the board plans to order and sale should be reflective. The price for signs with reflective material will increase to approximately \$23. The Commission approved ordering signs but not to exceed \$2,500. 	A motion was made by Commissioner Land to order up to \$2,500 in reflective No Wake Signs. Seconded by Vice Chairman Everhart. The motion was approved.
Chairman's		A motion was made by Commissioner

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Report (continued)		Land to have the Chair and Executive Director determine the cost to resale signs to the public. Seconded by Secretary Treasurer Peers. The motion was approved.
Old Business and Projects Reports	<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buoy Update – Currently, the Commission has four (4) buoys in stock. Will place an order for an additional ten (10) lighted buoys. • Clean Marina – Harbor Town Marina submitted their application forms this week. Commissioner Peers is scheduled to meet with Tega Cay later in the week. Commodore Marina and Lake Club Marina are expected to submit applications in the near future. Clean Marina Flag design has been chosen. Commission Clerk Annette Demeny to get price quote for 25 flags. • Allison Creek – Commissioner Wanless voiced his concerns of the 30 – 50,000 cubic feet of soil that is being washed into the lake near Allison Creek. He committed to follow up with the group who is in charge of development NW of the bridge to see what can be done. • House Bill 3603 (spill reporting) – This Bill has passed the House and is now in the Senate. It is scheduled to before the Senate Subcommittee on Thursday at 9:30am. Commissioner Wanless will be representing the Commission at this meeting. • SCDNR Support Letter – Commissioner Land voiced that the State of South Carolina is have a very tough budget year and it may not be the best idea to write a letter of support for the SCDNR. Land suggested that the Commission go before the Budget Committee to show their support. The Commissioners discussed this idea but continues to support the idea of writing a letter. Commissioner Land agreed that he would draft a letter to submit to Senator Hugh Leatherman and copy to the York County Delegation. 	<p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Everhart for the Commission to get price quote to order up to 25 flags. Seconded by Commissioner Wanless. The motion was approved.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell to appoint Commissioner Wanless to represent the LWMC at the Senate Subcommittee meeting in support of Bill 3603. Seconded by Commissioner Virkler. The motion was approved.</p>

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Comments	Comments - None	
Adjournment	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm	A motion was made by Vice Chairman Everhart to adjourn the February 22, 2010 business meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wanless. The motion was approved.
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on March 22, 2010 at 7:00 at Belmont City Hall, 115 North Main Street, Belmont, NC.	

Annette Demeny, Commission Clerk