

# Lake Wylie Marine Commission



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

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

## Minutes

**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, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel, Annette Demeny, Commission Clerk

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chair Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.	
<b>Approve Minutes – February 22, 2010</b>	The minutes from February 22, 2010 were approved.	Commissioner Virkler made a motion to approve the February 22, 2010 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Campbell. The motion was approved.

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<b>Approval of the March 22, 2010 Meeting Agenda</b>	The March 22, 2010 meeting agenda was approved.	A motion was made by Commissioner Virkler to approve the March 22, 2010 Agenda. Seconded by Vice Chair Everhart. The motion was approved.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Consent Agenda</b> – None	
<b>Public Comments</b>	<b>Public Comments</b> – None	
<b>Stakeholder Reports</b>	<p><b>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report</b> – Officer DeCarlo reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked the Mid-Atlantic Boat Show in Charlotte February 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. SPLASH was on hand to meet and greet visitors.</li> <li>• Replaced lights in boathouse</li> <li>• Steele Creek Division was recognized for having the most significant crime reduction</li> </ul> <p><b>Gaston County Sheriff’s Office</b> - Officer May reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be on the water for weekends only beginning in May</li> </ul> <p><b>York County Sheriff’s Office</b> – Sgt Brent Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported that there are some wiring problems in the boathouse</li> <li>• Sgt Mabry distributed samples of the 2010 Floatation Citations. Several new businesses and marinas are participating this year.</li> <li>• Fatal Vision Goggles – These goggles are used as a training tool to vividly demonstrate the concept of impairment and the dangers of impaired driving. Sgt Mabry requested support from the Commission in purchasing two (2) pair of these goggles. After discussion, the Commission approved the purchase of three (3) pair (1 for York County and SCDNR to share and 2 for NC Wildlife: 2 divisions).</li> <li>• The recent hit and run boating accident near Tega Cay – Boater suspected in hitting boat is expected to turn himself in this week.</li> </ul>	A motion was made by Commissioner Land for the Commission to purchase three (3) Fatal Vision Goggles at the cost of \$149 each to be used by York County Sheriff,

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<b>Stakeholder Reports (cont.)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• York County Sheriff’s Department offered to maintain grass cutting at the Law Enforcement Facility for the summer in lieu of hiring an outside lawn service.</li> </ul> <p><b>N.C. Wildlife Resources</b> – No one was present to give report</p> <p><b>Tega Cay Police Department</b> – No one was present to give report</p> <p><b>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources</b> – No one was present to give report</p> <p><b>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA)</b> – No one was present to give report</p>	SCDNR and NC Wildlife. Seconded by Vice Chair Everhart. The motion was approved.
<b>Stakeholders Reports (continued)</b>	<p><b>Duke Energy of the Carolinas</b> – Ronnie Lawson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lake level – 97.2 (target is 97’)</li> </ul> <p><b>Lake Wylie Lakekeeper</b> – Ellen Goff reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Goff informed the Commission that the \$200+ credit left over from the purchase of shirts for Riversweep will be held in reserve to be used for next year’s event.</li> <li>• Ms. Goff referenced a recent story in the Charlotte Observer where a professor conducted an interesting study on mill ponds to determine how streams flowed before the current mass development.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</b> – No one was present to give a report</li> </ul>	
<b>Adopt-a-Stream Program</b>	<p><b>Adopt-a-Stream Program</b> – Commissioner Campbell introduced guest speaker Erin Oliverio, Mecklenburg County Stormwater Educator</p> <p>The Mecklenburg County Adopt-a-Stream program was established in 1991 to improve the quality of water in our lakes, river and streams by establishing a connection between citizens and their surrounding environment. To date, there are 119 active adoption groups in Mecklenburg County. Volunteers are asked to walk a mile stretch of stream a minimum of twice a year, pick up trash, report pollution problems and complete paperwork. The County will dispose of the trash that is gathered. Businesses that get involved are area businesses, boy and girl scout troops, Homeowner Associations, families, local</p>	

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<b>Adopt-a-Stream Program (continued)</b>	organizations and school groups. Mecklenburg County provides hip waders, litter grabbers, gloves and trash bags. After 2 <sup>nd</sup> clean up, the adoption group will receive an Adopt-a-Stream street sign to be placed at their stream crossing. This helps promote the cleanup effort in addition to advertisement for group. Mecklenburg County will advertise the Adopt-a-Stream program once a year as an insert in residents' utility bill. This advertisement is estimated to reach 220,000 residents. In 2009, 118 cleanups	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> – Secretary Treasurer Peers reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Finance Report</b> - The monthly finance report was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting. There were no questions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Executive Director's Report</b>	<p><b>Executive Director's Report</b> – Executive Director Joe Stowe reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law Enforcement Facility Update – In planning stages to host an open house at Law Enforcement Facility.</li> <li>• Riversweep – Joe Stowe spoke with Covekeeper Ellen Goff regarding the Commission having a larger role in the Riversweep event for 2010. Ms Goff suggested that the Commission help with efforts at the northern end of the lake during the clean up. More information will be available about Riversweep towards the summer of 2010.</li> <li>• LWMC Brochure – Research developing a brochure that offers boating laws, maps, marina locations, etc. The Pilot distributes a similar publication. Will research to see if the Commission could possibly coordinate with the Pilot to publish joint publication.</li> <li>• No Wake Signs – Reflective Signs have been ordered and will begin selling them once they are delivered. Harbortowne Marina and Dock Masters have shown interest in helping to market these. Plan to also advertise in the Lake Wylie Pilot.</li> <li>• Joe Stowe received a request from Edna Chirico that the Commission consider drafting a letter of endorsement for the ReVenture Project that Commission was introduced to at their February meeting. The Commissioners discussed this matter and decided to invite Mrs. Chirico to their April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to be available to answer questions that the board may have prior to committing to a letter of endorsement.</li> </ul>	
<b>Chairman's Report</b>	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b> – Chair Smitty Hanks reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydrilla (Virkler) – State conducted a joint meeting two (2) weeks ago and</li> </ul>	

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	<p>approved the request to restock Lake Wylie with 500 additional Grass Carp in the spring of 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of Sewage Spills (Wanless/Land) – Senate Bill 3603 – Department of Health and Environmental opposed the bill. They feel that the voluntary requirement of notification is adequate. However, it was discovered that only 50% of the volunteers even participated. Commissioner Land added that the subcommittee will be meeting again Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and will make a recommendation to the full committee at that time.</li> <li>• Safe Boating Courses – Commissioner Wanless, Chair Hanks and Executive Director Stowe all completed the Safe Boating Courses that were offered in March.</li> <li>• Buoys (Everhart) – Vice Chair Everhart received a quote of \$150 per hour from Skipjack to install buoys for the Commission. Will continue to get other quotes and report back to the board in April.</li> <li>• Expansion of the Commission from seven (7) Commissioners to nine (9) – Legal Counsel Chris Clark began discussion by informing the Commission that their By-Laws are irrelevant when making this change. However, they were encouraged to read their Enabling Legislation. Mr. Clark clarified that there was no need to change Federal Legislation but do need to notify all three (3) funding counties so they can adjust their protocol of assigning additional and new commissioners. The rotation schedule will continue to be honored.</li> </ul>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Wanless to increase the LWMC membership from 7 to 9. Effective October 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Campbell. The motion was approved.</p>
<p><b>Old Business and Projects Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Clean Marina</b> – The Commission agreed that the Clean Marina Certificate should reflect an annual renewal date.</li> <li>• <b>SCDNR Support Letter</b> – Commissioner Land drafted a letter of support for the SCDNR to the South Carolina General Assembly. Budget cuts are anticipated to happen in the upcoming fiscal year therefore, SCDNR may have job cuts. This letter was approved and will be forwarded to the SC and NC General Assembly.</li> </ul>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Wanless to approve drafted letter of support of the SCDNR. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was approved.</p>
<p><b>Comments</b></p>	<p><b>Comments</b> – None</p>	

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<b>Adjournment</b>	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42. pm	A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer Peers to adjourn the March 22, 2010 business meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Virkler. The motion was approved.
<b>Next Business Meeting Date and Location</b>	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on April 26, 2010 at 7:00 at Camp Thunderbird, One Thunderbird Lane, Lake Wylie, SC.	

Annette Demeny, Commission Clerk