

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**Cowan's Ford Country Club
761 Club Drive
Stanley, NC**

January 7, 2009

Commissioners Present: Chairman Pam Beck (Gaston County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County),
Commissioner Chris Watson (Lincoln County), Commissioner Dan DuVall (Mecklenburg County),
Vice Chairman Alice Battle (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County),
Commissioners Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Ann Danzi (Gaston County)
MILMC Staff Present: Executive Administrator Annette Lawing, Legal Counsel Chris Clark

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Pam Beck called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.	
Approval of the January 7, 2009 Agenda	The January 7, 2009 meeting agenda will stand as submitted.	
Approval of the November 5 and December 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes	The November 5, 2008 and December 10, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as submitted	
Statement of Purpose	Legal Counsel, Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose into the record.	
Public Comments	Public Comments - None	

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Presentation of the FY2007-2008 Audit	Presentation of the FY2007-2008 Audit – Robert Burns, CPA conducted and reported the audit for FY07-08. All of the commissioners and staff of Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission were provided copies of this final report prior to their business meeting. With no questions or revisions, the commission accepted this information as presented.	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda – None	
Public Safety Reports	<p>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No activity on the lake □ (14) Zone checks at Neck Road Access area. No problems were reported. <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ On the lake on an “as needed” basis. □ The 2009 International Boating and Water Safety Summit is scheduled for April 19-22, 2009 in Panama City Beach, FL. In years past, the commission has helped in funding the registration cost for Officer Hord to attend this important summit. Again this year, the commission voted and approved to contribute \$395 for Officer Hord’s registration fee. <p>Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No one was present to give report <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No one was present to give report <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No one was present to give report <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Kermitt Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ (2) Pier Applications (1 in Overlook and 1 at Neck Road Access) □ (5) Shoreline Applications (2 in Stonewater and 3 in Mt. Isle Harbor) □ Lake level is 97.9 	Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to approve the \$395 registration fee for Officer Hord to attend the 2009 International Boating and Water Safety Summit. Seconded by Vice Chairman Battle. The motion was approved.
Environmental Reports	Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services – Heather Davis reported	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Water Quality Conditions (November 2008) – All testing sites reported in the Good/Excellent – up 4 points from 1 year ago. 	

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<p>Environmental Reports (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Bacteriological Results (November 2008) – All testing sites reported in the excellent range. ❑ Garr Creek – as a follow up to Vice Chairman Battle’s question on why the water quality results in Garr Creek has historically been low; Ms. Davis reported that a site inspector discovered a horse farm up stream and most likely the animal waste has been running off into the creek. The site inspector will work with the farm to keep these animals out of the creek. <p>Lakekeepers Report – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Covekeepers did not conduct a meeting in December ❑ Muddy Water Watch Program – CRF will begin a 5-session class on how ordinary citizens can help enforce the erosion and sedimentation control rules. The class will begin in Mecklenburg County on Tuesday January 6, 2009 at CPCC's Central Campus in IT room 1116. Classes will be on January 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Classes will begin in Gaston county on Thursday January 8th from 6:30 to 8:30. Classes will be on January 8,15,22, and 29. There will be opportunities once a week to make a visit to a construction site with a sedimentation expert. ❑ Water Allocation Study – Riverkeeper David Merryman stated that the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation submitted their comments of the NC Environmental Review Commission Draft Water Allocation Study. The Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation request that the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission reviews their comments and if in agreement, submits a letter of endorsement. The deadline for written comments is Friday, January 9, 2009. With such a short timeline, Legal Counsel Chris Clark advised the commission to do one of three things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint a commission to have authority to review comments and submit comments as an individual not as a commission as a whole. 2. Hold an on-line vote – emails should be available for public review. 3. Appoint a subcommittee <p>The commission voted to appoint a subcommittee to review the Catawba Riverkeepers comments and to submit their letter of endorsement as a commission.</p>	<p>A Motion was made by Vice Chairman Battle to appoint Commissioner Dan DuVall and Chairman Pam Beck to review the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation’s comments of the Draft Water Allocation Study and to submit a letter of endorsement, if in agreement of comments. Seconded by Commissioner Eldridge. Motion was approved.</p>

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Environmental Reports (continued)	<p>Quality of Natural Resources (QNRC) – Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ QNRC did not conduct a meeting in December <p>MI Wildlife Stewards – Tim Eldridge and Diane Willis reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ MI Wildlife Stewards did not conduct a meeting in December. □ Posts for the osprey nest are scheduled to be installed in the next couple of weeks. 	
Mandatory Boater Education	<p>Mandatory Boater Education – Vice Chairman Alice Battle reported</p> <p>The state of Virginia has recently passed mandatory boater education. The same group is also trying to get this regulation passed in North Carolina. The Joint Select Committee met for their second meeting on December 3rd. At this meeting, the draft legislative proposal was presented. This proposal is very similar to the legislation adopted by NASBLA. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2009 at the Legislative Building, Room #415 at 10:00am.</p>	A motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge to generate a letter of support for mandatory boater education in North Carolina. Seconded by Chairman Beck. The motion was approved.
Base Operating Plan	<p>Update on the Base Operating Plan (BOP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Development and Zoning – Vice Chairman Battle contacted Kay Killian in Lincoln County to find out the status of the 800+ acres near Johnson’s Creek. Ms. Killian reported that Crescent Developer new controls this acreage near Johnson’s Creek (Hwy 16). Due to the current economy, Crescent has postponed development in this area. □ Buoys – Commissioner DuVall suggested that the MILMC create a map that indicates where all of the approved buoys are on the lake. 	
Chairman’s Report	<p>Chairman’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ December 10th MILMC – Chairman Beck thanked the commission for a very successful meeting/Christmas gathering. When planning this gathering, the commission cut back on food/facility in order to save money. The commission would like to take these savings and provide dinner for the reporting agencies at the monthly MILMC business meetings. 	
Executive Administrator’s Report	<p>Executive Administrator’s Report – Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Finance report – Lawing distributed a current finance report to the commissioners for their review. 	

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Commission Counsel Report	Commission Counsel Report <input type="checkbox"/> No report	
Commissioner's Comments	Commissioner's Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner DuVall suggested that as a part of the report to our funding counties, the commission needs to provide information on how the current recession has affected the use of Mountain Island Lake. Lake usage has increased due to more people choosing to use local recreation spots in lieu of traveling. NC Wildlife may be able to provide more information on this.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.	
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on February 4, 2009 at 6:30 pm at Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities, 5100 Brookshire Blvd, Charlotte, NC.	

Annette Lawing, Executive Administrator