

# Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities  
 5100 Brookshire Blvd  
 Charlotte, NC

May 6, 2009  
 Meeting Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Pam Beck (Gaston County), Vice Chairman Alice Battle (Mecklenburg County), Secretary/Treasurer Ann Danzi (Gaston County), Commissioner Dan DuVall (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County)

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Chris Watson (Lincoln County)

**MILMC Staff Absent:** Executive Administrator Annette Lawing, Legal Counsel Chris Clark

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chairman Pam Beck called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.	
<b>Approval of the May 6, 2009 Agenda</b>	The May 6, 2009 meeting agenda stand as submitted	
<b>Approval of the April 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes</b>	The April 1, 2009 meeting minutes stand as submitted with the following revision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Page 5, Request for Approval, Tiger Cove – The Commission suggested that Mr. LeVie gather other area resident’s opinions of the No Wake Zone request and follow up with the Commission. Change: Add: <i>As requested, Mr. LeVie provided the Commission with a petition of cove residents in favor of the No Wake Zone.</i></li> </ul>	A motion was made by Commissioner Bishop to approve the revised April 1, 2009 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner DuVall. The motion was approved.

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<b>Statement of Purpose</b>	Legal Counsel, Chris Clark was not in attendance to read the Statement of Purpose.	
<b>Public Comments</b>	<p><b>Public Comments</b> – Rodney Eppes, Mountain Island Lake resident, informed the Commission that the parking at the Riverbend Access is quickly becoming a problem. Last year, NC Wildlife posted parking signs in this lot to help deter cars from parking in spots designated for trucks with trailers. Mr. Eppes has visited this boat access area twice in the last couple of weeks and on both occasions, cars were parked in the trailer area. This causes a big problem on holidays and weekends for vehicles who are hauling their boats on trailers.</p> <p>Commissioner Danzi wanted clarification on which organization is in charge of enforcing this area. Gaston County Police Officer Doug Hord stated that this parking lot was annexed into the City of Mount Holly therefore; City Police would be in charge of enforcement. Chairman Beck stated that she will call Chief Belk with the Mount Holly Police Department to alert him of this problem.</p> <p>Mr. Eppes also wanted to let the Commission know of several flooding problems at Briar Creek and Sugar Creek. These areas are known to flood during heavy rain events. In addition, Cane Creek seems to be having a great amount of sediment buildup which has narrowed the creek beds.</p> <p>Commissioner DuVall thanked Mr. Eppes for making the Commission aware of these problems but both Briar Creek and Sugar Creek drain into Lake Wylie. Cane Creek drains into the Yakin River.</p>	
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Consent Agenda</b> – None	

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<b>Public Safety Reports</b>	<p><b>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department</b> – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ (17) Calls for service</li> <li>□ (16) Zone Checks – 10 at Neck Rd and 6 at Latta Plantation</li> <li>□ April 19<sup>th</sup> – Received a call about 3 pontoon boats missing from Mount Isle Harbor. They apparently came loose and floated away from dock. They were retrieved and placed back to their designated areas.</li> <li>□ April 20<sup>th</sup> – Car break-in at Neck Road</li> <li>□ Staff: will have 2 Officers in lieu of 4 Officers to work on MI Lake and Lake Norman for the summer months.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gaston County Police Department</b> – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ The Lake Unit has limited time on the water this summer. Most likely, NC Wildlife and CMPD will be on the lake the majority of the time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No one was present to give report</li> </ul> <p><b>N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No one was present to give report</li> </ul> <p><b>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No one was present to give report</li> </ul> <p><b>Duke Energy of the Carolinas</b> – Kermitt Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ (1) Pier Applications – (1) in Mountain Point (replacement of old pier)</li> <li>□ Lake level is 97.2</li> <li>□ Follow up from April meeting: Duke does indeed test for Mercury in the lake and in fish tissue. This information is provided to NC DENR.</li> </ul> <p>Commissioner Tim Eldridge asked when Duke plans to administer their project of reviewing old structures on Mountain Island Lake. Mr. Taylor replied that they are expecting to complete this project by the end of the year. Duke will first go around the lake and take photographs of the structures and identify the locations. Through tax information, try to locate and notify the owners that the structures need to be removed or repaired.</p>	

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<p><b>Environmental Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services</b> – Heather Davis reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Water Quality Conditions (March 2009) – Overall results dropped six (6) points from one year ago. Factors are due to the drop in water clarity and the PH increased near Mountain Island Dam. Mrs. Davis contributes the drop in water clarity to a recent rain event. McDowell Creek’s results were much better this month.</li> <li>□ Bacteriological Results (March 2009) – Results were all in excellent range.</li> <li>□ Garr Creek – Have been monitoring this area for the last couple of years due to high phosphorus readings. Beginning in March, LUESA conducted a field reconnaissance in this area to try to trace where this problem originates. The entire watershed reconnaissance was completed on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The results confirmed continual high PH levels. After additional research, the entire County recorded high PH levels during this time. LUESA will continue to explore why these levels are elevated and will report back to the Commission once results are released.</li> <li>□ Change of Water Quality Index – This change will be based on the State standards. Mrs. Davis is in hopes that this 30 page document will be available by the next MILMC meeting so she can introduce the changes to the Commission.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lakekeepers Report</b> – Alice Battle and David Merryman reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Covekeepers walked their “Adopt-an-Island” on April 4<sup>th</sup>. During this excursion, the Covekeepers discovered that this island actually has two more islands abutting it. After contacting the Mountain Island Wildlife Stewards representative, Tim Eldridge, they will have a choice of which of these three islands they would like to adopt.</li> <li>□ Riverkeeper David Merryman will attend the Covekeeper meeting in May to teach the Covekeepers how to use the leaf packs.</li> </ul> <p>Riverkeeper David Merryman added that the leaf packs are used to sample the macro-Invertebra. What insects are present in the water is a good bio-indicator of water quality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Muddy Water Watch – Completed Muddy Water Watch training on April 30 within the Mountain Island Watershed. Six people who reside in the northern</li> </ul>	

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<b>Environmental Reports (continued)</b>	<p>part of Mecklenburg County completed this training. The next training opportunities will be in Fort Mill, SC and Steel Creek area of Mecklenburg County.</p> <p><b>Quality of Natural Resources (QNRC)</b> – Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ QNRC wrote a letter of support on behalf of UNCC who is applying for a grant to study power plant ash pits. They plan to study the impact, if any, that fly ash pits have on ground water.</li> </ul> <p><b>MI Wildlife Stewards</b> – Tim Eldridge reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Moonlight Cruises – NC Wildlife sponsors a Moonlight Paddle with canoes and kayaks on the weekends closest to the full moon. The next Moonlight Paddle events will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Neck Road Access, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Garr Creek, and July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Commissioner Battle’s residence (2227 Coral Valley Road, Charlotte).</li> </ul>	
<b>Base Operating Plan</b>	<p><b>Update on the Base Operating Plan (BOP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>FERC</b> – Vice Chairman Battle and Chairman Beck attended the meeting of the Draft Impact Statement. From this meeting, it seems as if the persons on the Federal level who reviewed this information did not know specifics about the Catawba River chain. There were a lot of questions about this document therefore, there seems to be quite a bit of work yet to be done.</li> <li>□ <b>Mandatory Boater Education</b> – The Standing Judiciary Committee has amended the HB 39 to grandfather boaters who were born before 1984.</li> <li>□ <b>Posting Boating Safety Rules</b> – Vice Chairman Battle spoke with Joe Carriker regarding the kiosks at the access areas and he stated that he wasn’t sure when this project will be completed. He added that there are two areas that have no signage at all therefore; Mountain Island Lake is not on the top of the priority list at this point.</li> </ul>	
<b>Chairman’s Report</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No new information to report</li> </ul>	
<b>Executive Administrator’s Report</b>	<p><b>Executive Administrator’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Executive Administrator Annette Lawing was not present to give report</li> </ul>	

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<b>Commission Counsel Report</b>	<b>Commission Counsel Report</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Counsel was not present to give report	
<b>Commissioner's Comments</b>	<b>Commissioner's Comments</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Dan DuVall commented that the water clarity in Mountain Island Lake and other surrounding lakes are very cloudy due to the tremendous amount of rainfall that we have received. This will most likely continue throughout the year.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.	
<b>Next Business Meeting Date and Location</b>	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on June 3, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Mount Holly City Hall, 400 East Central Ave, Mount Holly, NC.	

Annette Lawing, Executive Administrator