

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



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

**July 1, 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 Chris Watson (Lincoln County)

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (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 6:30 pm.	
Approval of the July 1, 2009 Agenda	The July 1, 2009 meeting agenda was approved with following revision: <input type="checkbox"/> Add: Item #VII on agenda - Request for installation of larger buoys in Neck Access Cove, Skip Hudspeth reporting.	A motion was made by Vice Chairman Battle to approve the July 1, 2009 with noted revision. Seconded by Commissioner DuVall. The motion was approved.
Approval of the June 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes	The June 3, 2009 meeting minutes were approved with the following revision: <input type="checkbox"/> Page 2, Gaston County Police Report – add: <i>Parking signs are not enforceable by the City of Mount Holly.</i>	A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer Danzi to approve the June 3,

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		2009 meeting minutes with noted revision. Seconded by Commissioner Watson. The motion was approved.
Statement of Purpose	Legal Counsel, Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose	
Public Comments	Public Comments – None	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda – None	
Request for Approval	<p>Request for Approval – Neck Access Cove request for installation of larger signs for the cove. Skip Hudspeth, MI resident, reported</p> <p>Mr. Hudspeth addressed the Commission regarding the increasing number of boats that are operating at high speeds within the Neck Cove Access area. It appears that many boaters are not aware of the No Wake restriction in this cove. The existing No Wake buoys in the cove, which were previously approved by the MILMC, are standard can buoys are easily missed.</p> <p>Mr. Hudspeth provided the Commission with a signed petition from 20 MI residents requesting the installation of larger signage for the cove. One suggestion would be to have a large pontoon buoy, such as the one in the Overlook Cove, be installed. The residents volunteered to help with installation, if necessary.</p> <p>Currently, there are two standard can buoys located at the mouth of the cove and one at the center of the cove. CMPD Officer Howard added that having the buoys scattered in the cove can be a little confusing. He suggested that all three buoys be aligned at the mouth of the cove. NC Wildlife has a buoy also installed at the access ramp.</p> <p>Mr. Hudspeth stated that the existing buoys have worked in the past to slow boaters down but it seems as if more people are using the lake that are not educated on rules and regulations.</p>	

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<p>Request for Approval (continued)</p>	<p>Commissioner Dan DuVall agreed that the buoy in the center of the cove should be relocated to the mouth of the cove however, wasn't sure that the larger pontoon buoy would make a big difference. The cost of such buoy is approximately \$1,200 plus installation fees. Commissioner DuVall asked Mr. Hudspeth if he and the other homeowners would be willing to fund the purchase of this buoy. Mr. Hudspeth replied that he would have to approach each of them to see.</p> <p>Chairman Pam Beck suggested that the existing NC Wildlife buoy remain at the access ramp, relocate the center buoy at the mouth of the cove and install large pontoon buoy at the back of the cove (near access ramp).</p> <p>Secretary Treasurer Ann Danzi stated that the Commission should relocate all three buoys at the mouth of the cove and see if this helps before investing in a costly pontoon buoy.</p> <p>Commissioner Dan DuVall made a motion that he and Annette Lawing, Executive Administrator, draft a proposal outlining all three reconfiguration options and send to Mr. Hudspeth. Mr. Hudspeth would be responsible for forwarding this information to the other homeowners to see which option they would like to pursue. This request will be readdressed at the August 2009 MILMC meeting.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Dan DuVall for he and Annette Lawing draft a proposal outlining the three reconfiguration options in Neck Cove then forward information to Mr. Hudspeth. Seconded by Commissioner Watson. The motion was approved.</p>
<p>Public Safety Reports</p>	<p>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department – Officer Howard reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ (10) Calls for service □ (47) Inspections □ (6) Citations □ (9) Warnings □ (2) Boaters Assisted □ Worked two days at Latta Plantation for triathlon □ Assisted in ultra-light plane crash near Hwy 73 Bridge. No injuries were reported. <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ (10) Calls for Service □ (51) Special Checks □ (24) Boaters Assisted 	

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Public Safety Reports (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> (105) Safety Checks <input type="checkbox"/> (48) Verbal Warnings <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Citations <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Trespassing Violators <input type="checkbox"/> Worked to warn and remove four-wheelers near CSX, Hwy 273 in Gaston County. Four-wheelers have been riding along these tracks at high rates of speed and are damaging the rails. There were 3 four-wheelers seized and several citations written. <p>Floatation Citation Program – Officer Hord talked with a representative from Chick-fil-A and the gift certificates will be laminated next week.</p> <p>Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No one was present to give report <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No one was present to give report <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No one was present to give report <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Kermitt Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Pier Applications in Stonewater <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Shoreline Application in Stonewater <input type="checkbox"/> Lake level – 97’ 	
Environmental Reports	<p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services – Heather Davis reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> LUESA has changed their monitoring sites by dropping two sites and adding two additional sites. The summer monitoring (every other month) will begin in July. During the off months, LUESA will focus on problem areas. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Davis distributed an article that was posted June 29, 2009 regarding EPA’s list of dangerous coal ash sites found in 10 states. Commissioner Danzi commented that she is very interested in this topic and is curious of what type of liner is placed in the ground before ash is buried. Riverkeeper David 	

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Base Operating Plan	<p>Update on the Base Operating Plan (BOP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Lake Management Plan – Vice Chairman Battle and Chairman Beck have continued their research of Moss Lake and how this lake manages boater registration. Up to 25’ shoreline is controlled by Kings Mountain; has two access areas, and one main access for boat inspections. Fee schedule: fees are due by July 1st, if not paid, the fee increases. There are 700 shore lots and residents can participate in a family plan if they own a house on Moss Lake. Daily passes are operated on the honor system. This lake does not have a Marine Commission but does have a nine person Advisory Committee. The City of Kings Mountain collects the fees. Commissioners Battle and Beck plan to meet with Mecklenburg County Commission Chair Jennifer Roberts to get her input on the Lake Management Plan. □ Floatation Citations – Reference above Gaston County Police Department report. 	

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Chairman's Report	Chairman's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Chairman Beck and Secretary Treasurer Danzi participated in the Gaston County School of Excellence annual outing. A group of 15 students visited Big Island, the water intakes on MI Lake, and learned about conservation issues. 	
Executive Administrator's Report	Executive Administrator's Report – Annette Lawing reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Finance Report – the finance report for period ending May 2009 was distributed to the Commission prior to the meeting. There were no questions regarding these reports. □ Regional Stormwater Partnership – This partnership was formed to promote good stormwater practices around the region. Funds from the Clean Water Management Trust Funds go towards purchasing “Adopt-a-Stream” supplies, conducting an advertising campaign using billboards, television videos and radio spots, websites, publishing brochures, and implementing stormwater demonstration projects. Bill Duston with Centralina Council of Governments has headed this partnership since it was formed in 2006. Beginning July 1, 2009 Annette Lawing will take over this role. Commissioner Tim Bishop sits on the Executive Committee as a representative of the MILMC. 	
Commission Counsel Report	Commission Counsel Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ At its June 2009 meeting, the Commission approved the contract to audit for FY08-09 with a contingency that the Commission's Legal Counsel reviews the contract for accuracy. Commission Counsel Chris Clark reported back that there are no suggested revisions to this contract. Annette Lawing will sign this contract and mail to the Local Government Commission. 	
Commissioner's Comments	Commissioner's Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Boater Noise – Commissioner Ann Danzi expressed her concern about loud boats on the lake. Gaston County Police Officer Hord stated that some lakes have decibel levels set therefore; the police can enforce a noise regulation. Without having a set decibel level and the necessary equipment to gauge it, it's 	

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Commissioner's Comments (continued)	very difficult to support a noise regulation. Officer Hord volunteered to research how other states handle this issue. Legal Counsel Chris Clark highlighted that the Marine Commission does have the authority to pass a boater noise regulation and enforcement is up to the law enforcement agencies and the court system. He suggests that the Commission, along with law enforcement representatives, schedule a meeting with the local district attorneys to address enforcement of such a policy. Chairman Pam Beck also volunteered to research and report back to the Commission on motorcycle noise regulations and to see how enforcement is handled.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.	
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on August 5, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities, 5100 Brookshire Blvd, Charlotte, NC.	

Annette Lawing, Executive Administrator