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## **LNMC MINUTES**

**March 09, 2020**  
**At the CHARLES MACK CITIZENS CENTER, Mooresville, NC**

### **Lake Norman Marine Commissioners:**

Billy Wilson	Chairman (Absent)
Michael Hughes	Lincoln County
Dennis Eddinger	Mecklenburg County
David Scott	Catawba County
Rick Howard	Iredell County

### **Staff:**

Morris Sample	Executive Director
John Gerke	Asst. Ex. Director
Angela Palmer	Administrator

### **Call to Order**

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hughes at 7:00 pm. All in attendance rose to salute the flag and repeat together the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes**

After a review of the minutes from the February 10, 2020 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner David Scott, seconded by Commissioner Dennis Eddinger. Approval of the minutes as presented were passed unanimously.

### **Reports – LNMC Executive Director**

Executive Director Morris Sample reported the following items:

- Received several calls about the lake being muddy including reports of excessive erosion around drainage discharges to the lake. The recent heavy rains have attributed to this muddy appearance and will take time to recover. Anyone seeing excessive erosion due to drainage outlets is encouraged to contact their respective counties storm water drainage or environmental group.
- As spring temps return, be advised that water temps takes longer to increase so be cautious with activities that could result in emersion in colder water. Emersion in water temperatures below 70 degrees can result in hypothermia in a short time.
- Boating education course schedules are being published on our website ([www.lnmc.org](http://www.lnmc.org)) as they become available, we encourage everyone to take one of these courses to learn the specific regulations for boating on Lake Norman.
- Meeting in Raleigh of the state Aquatic Weed Control Council was attended by me (Morris Sample) and John Gerke. The work plan for control of hydrilla in Lake Norman was discussed and it was approved to stock Lake Norman with 500 sterile grass carp this spring. This number will give us enough population to undertake a mortality study in future years. Current population of grass carp is enough to control the tuber bank of hydrilla that will be sprouting in Ramsey Creek area when water temperatures increase. Anyone observing growth of hydrilla or other plants in encouraged to report this to Marine Commission at [lnmc@lnmc.org](mailto:lnmc@lnmc.org)

**Cornelius Police Department**

Officer Tadlock reported officers reported to 14 calls for service.

**Iredell County Sheriff**

Lake Patrol with Iredell County reported 39 hours on the water. February 6<sup>th</sup> had a meeting for Operation North State. Attended a den meeting for the Boy Scouts. July 24-25<sup>th</sup> is the Wake Surf open. Receiving calls daily for lake activities. The north end of the lake is still extremely muddy. Please be alert as to navigational hazards.

**Catawba County**

Catawba County Lake Patrol – No report

**Lincoln County**

Lincoln County Lake Patrol – No Report

**N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission**

Ron Robertson reported a slow month. February is a training month. Several officers attending annual intoxication analysis certification. Alcohol consumption has decreased over the years, but drug use has increased. Mixing the two is a big problem. Almost all arrests now have a blood test. April 4-10 will be youth turkey season. April 11-May 9 is regular turkey season. April usually brings increased lake activity. Preparing for (2) new boats – Ken Craft Bay Riders. First new boats since before 2007. May 22<sup>nd</sup> standardized field sobriety training. Officers have to be recertified. May 23-25<sup>th</sup> is On the Road, On the Water Don't Drink and Drive Campaign. July 3-5<sup>th</sup> Dry Water Campaign. September 5-7<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> On the Road, On the Water Don't Drive and Drive Campaign.

**Reports – Lake Issues**

**Duke Energy**

Chad Broadway reported lake levels at 95.7. Target is 95.6. Barring unforeseen drought or rainfall we should maintain target levels. Duke will recover manmade debris that cause a hazard to navigation.

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26**

Steve Riggins reported 13 vessel safety checks.

- Training plans and preparations are underway for the boating season.
- CG Auxiliary is undergoing a computer software system change starting April 1, 2020 so we will be unable to patrol during the first 3 weeks in April due to inability to get orders.

**Lake Norman – America's Boating Club**

Commander Steve Stewart reviewed brochures that were presented at the Mid-Atlantic Boat Show and distributed at February's meeting. Reported the squadron will repeat the survey for the Aids to Navigation on Lake Norman. There are (6) boats available for the survey. There is a need for (4) people per vessel consisting of Captain, Observer, Recorder and Photographer for a total of 24 participants. This project involves at least (2) trips on the lake, the first during the day light for physical location, photographs and conditions and the second at night to survey lights. Dates and Times TBD. Final assignments will be made at the squadron meeting in April.

**Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.**

No Report

**Island Habitat Program & NC Wildlife Federation**

Executive Director Morris Sample reported they are in the process of installing (12) osprey platforms at existing ATON locations. RipRap is being installed at Heron Island.

**Riverkeepers**

No Report

**Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge**

**Mecklenburg County Water Quality**

Dave Ferguson – No report

**Comments from the Public:**

- Wes Macnamore – The marine commission does a great job of keeping the lake clean. Attended S Iredell High. Concerns about the lake filling in due to construction and dredging needs to be done. Executive Director Morris Sample recommended contacting the Iredell County environmental group to address concerns.

**Committee Reports:**

**ATON Committee**

Morris Sample reported the following needs repair...

- Lights out at Marker 13, Marker 17, M1 and T1
- Buffalo Shoal bridge buoys out of position
- New buoy to install at Williamson Rd

**Environmental Committee**

Morris Sample – see previous comments under Executive Director report

**Boater Education/Communication**

Dave Scott – No Report

**Charter Boat Committee**

Commissioner Eddinger reported 3 boats inspected. Meeting scheduled for March 24th

**No Wake Buoys**

Commissioner Michael Hughes – No report

**Rafting Committee**

Chairman Rick Howard – No Report

**Applications**

**No-Wake Buoy Requests**

Charlie Lombard from Sherrills Ford across from Marker 15A. 300-500 boats per day on the weekends coming close to the dock. Requesting a buoy at 150' from dock. Commissioner David Scott recommended channel markers at each end of Riviera. Will need to survey the water depth to determine location. Will be open to public comment around this application at the April meeting.

**Rafting Applications** - None

**Charter Boat Applications** - None

**Variances**

None

**PERMITS**

None

**FERC Applications**

None

**Administrative Matters**

None

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Eddinger and seconded by Commissioner Howard. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.