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## **LNMC MINUTES**

**January 10, 2022  
Charles Mack Center  
 Mooresville, NC**

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

Dennis Eddinger	Chairman
David Scott	Catawba County
Rick Howard	Iredell County
Christopher Uzzolina	Lincoln County (Absent)
Robby Maschhaupt	Mecklenburg 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 Chairman Eddinger 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 December 13, 2021 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Howard. Approval of the minutes as presented were passed unanimously.

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

Executive Director Morris Sample introduced the new auditor Belinda Johnson with Belinda Johnson, CPA. On December 8, 2021 approval for the 2020-2021 audit was received. The management representation letter was received and the audit has been released to the commission. The LGC (Local Government Commission) recommends a 4 month fund balance and this audit showed an 8 month fund balance keeping in compliance with the LGC.

Executive Director Morris Sample reported the following items:

- The Catawba Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group has determined that we have entered Phase 0 of the drought management plan. This recommends public advisory to save water but does not require mandatory conservation.
- LNMC was notified that the Lake Norman Power Squadron, recently known as America's Boating Club has disbanded. This group conducted boater education and vessel safety checks and supported lake activities.
- January 7, is the anniversary of the loss of 3 lives from the Duke Power Environmental Lab due to accident where individuals were exposed to low water temperatures. Current surface water

temperature is in the mid-50's, a person exposed to this temperature may quickly become disoriented and incapable of physical activity, unconsciousness may occur within 1 hour.

## **REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT**

### **Cornelius Police Department**

Sargent Figaro reported officers responded to 12 calls for service during December. Most calls were received on Friday between 12:00pm-6:00pm. The average response time was 5.33 minutes. Officers self initiated 487 zone checks and had 7 community involvement activities.

Highlights:

- Shots fired call at island "N-13". The gunfire was from duck hunters who were more than 500 feet from a structure.
- A subject on a pier, fired a .22 cal. Rifle in the direction of people fishing on a boat in the cove. The suspect was located and arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and cited for Unlawful Harassment of Person Taking Wildlife Resources.
- Participated in Lake Norman Christmas Light Boat Parade.

### **Iredell County Sheriff**

No Report

### **Catawba County Lake Patrol**

No Report

### **Lincoln County Lake Patrol**

No Report

### **N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission**

No Report

## **Reports – Lake Issues**

### **Duke Energy**

Chad Broadway – No Report

### **Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26**

Steve Riggins reported 159.53 on the water hours for this boating season

1. The USCG Auxiliary will have a public affairs booth at the Charlotte Boat Show February 10-13.
2. Planning is underway for activities in 2022. Currently, the USCG Auxiliary can conduct in-person activities and public education classes as long as participating Auxiliarists are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

### **Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.**

No Report

### **Island Habitat Program & NC Wildlife Federation**

Billy Wilson – No Report

### **Catawba Riverkeepers**

Michael Lindsey – No Report

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

Executive Director Sample reported for Dave Ferguson. Last monitoring occurred November 30, 2021. Data looks great.

**Comments from the Public:**

- None

**Committee Reports:****ATON Committee**

Morris Sample reported the following since last meeting:

- Lights replaced on 21, Shoal 303.
- Missing Sign replaced on R5
- High Intensity lights installed on M1, M2, M3 for comparison trial
- Current repair list:
  - Shoal 376, near Skipper's Landing, marker knocked down
  - Shoal signs that are faded will be replaced.

**Environmental Committee**

Executive Morris Sample – Discussions with DEQ February/March time frame. 700 grass carp to be released in the spring around April, with 50 to be tagged.

**Boater Education/Communication**

Commissioner Scott reported trifolds and cards have been ordered for the Boat Show in February. Shirts and Koozies have been ordered as well. Next meeting is Thursday, January 13, 2022 if anyone would like to participate. It will be via Zoom at 7:00pm.

**Charter Boat Committee**

Commissioner Uzzolina – No Report

**No Wake Buoys**

Commissioner Howard reported moving forward with changes recommended at the December meeting. Recommended Billy Wilson chair the new buoy committee. Add ability to apply on the website for the public to join the committee.

**Rafting Committee**

Commissioner Maschhaupt - No report

**Applications****No-Wake Buoy Requests**

- None

**Rafting Applications**

- None

## **Charter Boat Applications**

- None

## **Variances**

- None

## **PERMITS**

- None

## **FERC Applications**

- None

## **Administrative Matters**

- Obtained bids for the ATON's. 9 bid packages went out and only received 1 back from our current contractor. Commissioner Scott made a motion to accept the bid, Commissioner Howard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Received request for tree reef from the Shriners. Commissioner Scott made a motion to pass, Commissioner Howard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Boat Show February 10-13, 2022. Many boat dealers are not participating due to low inventory. Need volunteers for approximately 16 slots. Let Assistant Director John Gerke know which times you can participate.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Our next meeting will be February 14, 2022