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LNMC MINUTES

**February 14, 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
Robby Maschhaupt	Mecklenburg County

Staff:

Morris Sample	Executive Director (Absent)
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 January 10, 2022 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Uzzolina. Approval of the minutes as presented were passed unanimously.

Reports – LNMC Executive Director

Assistant Director John Gerke reported the following items:

- The drought management committee is expecting greater than normal precipitation in the coming weeks so that may ease.
- Participated in the boat show all 4 days. Thursday and Friday were a little slow, but picked up on Saturday. We had \$214 in map and t-shirt sales. Thank you to all who participated and volunteered their time.

REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT

Cornelius Police Department

Sargent Figaro reported officers responded to 17 calls for service during the month of January. The average response time was 7.18 minutes. Officers initiated 458 zone checks. January Highlights:

- Assisted Davidson College Officer with duck hunters possibly trespassing at their lake campus. College Officer was transported by boat to some of their property inaccessible by land to handle the call.
- Lake Officers responded to 21217 Island Forest Rd. due to a large barge which broke loose from

dock during a storm and impacted a pier, causing substantial damage. Lake Officers stood-by for safety purposes as workers pulled the barge from damaged pier.

- Lake Patrol received many calls in reference to duck hunters and all were acting in accordance with laws with the exception of one incident where three hunters were too close to a structure. The hunters were cooperative in relocating to a legal distance.
- The lake patrol boathouse passed inspection and is fully operational.

Iredell County Sheriff

Deputy Church reported officers responded to 47 calls for service, mainly duck hunter calls. Participated in several community events and training events. Added a new sargent and hope to be receiving their new boat in March.

Catawba County Lake Patrol

No Report

Lincoln County Lake Patrol

No Report

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Sargent Ron Robertson reported the hunting season has wrapped up and it was a busy and successful season. Several calls about duck hunters. In some counties you are able to be on the shore below the high water mark to avoid trespassing. Some complaints of late shooting (hunting ends at sunset). This is a class 2 misdemeanor and results in losing hunting license for 1 year. Officers will be wearing body cameras this year and can be used in court. December 30, 2021 a wild duck was confirmed to have wild bird flu. These were the first cases in the US since 2016. It is low risk to people, but can be dangerous to other birds. Hunters Harassment Law prevents someone from disturbing a hunt (for example "baiting" the area to prevent hunting). April 20, 2022 fire extinguisher now requires the extinguisher not be more than 12 years old. All boats must have a Type B fire extinguisher on board. The date is stamped on the bottom.

Reports – Lake Issues

Duke Energy

Chad Broadway – No Report

Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26

Steve Riggins reported via email - no on the water hours for 2022. On the water activities are typically conducted from April 1 – October 30 each year.

1. The USCG Auxiliary attended a public affairs booth at the Charlotte Boat Show February 10-13.
2. The USCG Auxiliary was represented by Steven Riggan at the January 21, 2022 service for CPD Officer Joshua Murray.
3. One of the Lake Norman flotillas will conduct Boat America in-person classes at the Denver, NC Fire Dept. on the following dates (details will be sent to LNMC): April 23 June 25 Aug 27 Oct 29
4. Preparations and planning are underway for the start of activities and the boating season, including internal training and compliance with USCG COVID-19 policies. CG Auxiliary members interacting in-person with other Auxiliary members, regular Coast Guard personnel, or the public are required to be fully vaccinated and comply with local masking / PPE regulations.

Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.

No Report

Island Habitat Program & NC Wildlife Federation

Catawba Riverkeepers

Michael Lindsey – No Report

Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge

Dave Ferguson reported via email the following...

- Routine lake monitoring for January conducted on 1/13/2022
- Average water temperature on day of sampling = 55.7 F
- Lake level on day of monitoring = 95.8 ft (target = 95.2 ft)
- Average water clarity on day of monitoring = 3.82 m (12.5 ft)

Comments from the Public:

- None

Committee Reports:

ATON Committee

John Gerke reported the following since last meeting:

- T4 Light is out
- Shoal Marker at Skippers needs to be replaced.
- New lights are working well. Plan to replace all other lights with these.
- Waiting on buoy's to come in to replace at the Blue Parrot

Environmental Committee

Executive Morris Sample – tagging of the grass carp will be suspended as it is unsuccessful due to the fish shedding the tags. Possibly partnering with bow hunters in the future to determine the mortality of the carp.

Boater Education/Communication

Commissioner Scott reported koozies and tshirts for Love Where You Lake were made and available at the boat show. Next meeting will be scheduled around the first part of March.

Charter Boat Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina – All applications have been sent out. Sending an email as a follow up to schedule their inspections

No Wake Buoys

Commissioner Howard distributed the buoy application to the commissioners and recommended it be approved. Commissioner Uzzolina made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Maschhaupt. The motion passed unanimously. The application will now go live on the website. The buoy review committee will be made up of a 3 member committee with a chair and a 3 year rotation. Commissioner Scott made a motion to accept the make up of the committee, seconded by Commissioner Maschhaupt. The motion passed unanimously. The following all interested in serving - Becky Fox, Brian Bridgeford, Billy Wilson, Mike Beroth

Commissioner Uzzolina made a motion to appoint Billy Wilson as chair, seconded by Commissioner Scott. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Maschhaupt made a motion to appoint Brian Bridgeford to the committee. There was no second.

Chairman Eddinger made a motion to appoint Becky Fox to the committee, seconded by Commissioner Scott. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott made a motion to appoint Mike Beroth, seconded by Commissioner Howard. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Confirm approval of the modification at Skippers Marina. Commissioner Howard made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Scott. The motion passed unanimously.
- Reviewed State Funding Budget. Commissioner Uzzolina made a motion to accept the budget as prioritized, seconded by Commissioner Scott. The motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Scott reported on HR staff job descriptions and will send out the list again. This will be readdressed next month.
- Conflict of Interest Policy has been established. Commissioner Uzzolina made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Howard. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Our next meeting will be March 14, 2022