



Post Office Box 2454
Cornelius, NC 28031

Web: www.lnmc.org
Phone (704) 564-6333
Email: lnmc@lnmc.org

LNMC MINUTES

**March 14, 2022
Charles Mack Center
Mooresville, NC**

Lake Norman Marine Commissioners:

Dennis Eddinger	Chairman (Absent)
David Scott	Catawba County
Rick Howard	Iredell County
Christopher Uzzolina	Lincoln County
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 Commissioner Scott 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 14, 2022 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Uzzolina. Approval of the minutes as presented were passed unanimously.

Reports – LNMC Executive Director

Executive Director Morris Sample reported the following items:

- The current lake level is 96.8 ft and will likely begin to increase to the summer level of around 98. The Catawba Wateree Water Management Group continues to be in Phase 0 of the drought monitoring program until stream flows and ground water monitors show increases. This calls for increased public awareness of potential drought conditions and recommends water saving activities.
- As we move into the beginning of the boating season, please be aware that new boaters are always present on the lake. Extra precautions should be exercised with operating around other boaters. Several of the boat dealers around the lake report that they have already sold out of their 2022 inventory.
- Continuing to work with State Office of Management and Budget to get them the information needed to disburse the state directed grant we received. Last step is to approve the state contract that they will send to us. Once the funds are received we will begin to implement the projects that were discussed at earlier meeting to enhance boater safety and increase boater education efforts.

- Our plan is for future meetings to be in person pending any changes to COVID restrictions at Charles Mack.

REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT

Cornelius Police Department

Sargent Figaro reported officers responded to 13 calls for service during the month of February. These calls for service were on the lake only. The most calls for service were received on Thursday and Saturday. Calls for service were most often reported between the hours of **6:00pm –12:00am**. The average response time to calls for service was **6.8 minutes**. Officers self-initiated 431 zone checks.

- After reports of golf balls being hit toward boats at John Connor Boat Docks, lake patrol officers conducted multiple activities in the area over several days. Two juvenile subjects were caught on the property with a golf club and a large box of golf balls.
- Lake Officer responded to a larceny of a lock box from a dock. Officer was able to make contact with the known suspect who agreed to compensate to victim, no charges filed.
- Lake Patrol received a call of an overturned fishing kayak near Blythe Landing. Lake Patrol was able to locate the fisherman who had made it to shore. The Lake Officer then directed Medic personnel to the fisherman's location.
- Lake Patrol Officers attended the Mid-Atlantic Boat Show
- Lake Patrol attended the YMCA's Polar Bear Plunge.

Iredell County Sheriff

Deputy Church reported just received new boat and getting ready for the water. Funds from drug raids were used and did not impact tax payers. 23 calls for service in February. 1064 security checks. Completed training and inspected several boats.

Catawba County Lake Patrol

No Report

Lincoln County Lake Patrol

No Report

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Sargent Ron Robertson - No Report

Reports – Lake Issues

Duke Energy

Chad Broadway – No Report

Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26

Steve Riggins reported 1 vessel safety check and no on the water hours for 2022. On the water activities are typically conducted from April 1 – October 30 each year.

1. One of the Lake Norman flotillas will conduct Boat America in-person classes at the Denver, NC Fire Dept. on the following dates: April 23 June 25 Aug 27 Oct 29
2. The USCG Auxiliary will participate as target/training vessels in the Lake Norman Law Enforcement training scheduled for May 4-6, 2022.

3. The USCG Auxiliary has been invited to attend the Lake Norman Yacht Club Blessing of the Fleet on April 2.

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

Dave Ferguson – No report

Comments from the Public:

- None

Committee Reports:

ATON Committee

Executive Director Morris reported the following since last meeting:

- Lights replaced on T2, T4 and shoal 338 (near D4)
- Missing Sign replaced on R5, D7
- Current repair list:
 - Shoal 376, near Skipper's Landing, marker knocked down

Environmental Committee

Executive Morris Sample reported the grass carp are shedding the tags therefore the tagging program is being suspended. At this time we will continue to stock 750 fish annually. NC State issued their final report and only found 1 sprig of hydrilla and Duke reported a few sprigs north of the 150 bridge. One cove has algae and currently there is not a way to treat it.

Boater Education/Communication

Commissioner Scott reported quite a few boater education classes being offered in person. Training materials for rental boats has been offered by America's Boating Club. Education Committee meeting held last week with focus on the rental boats. Love Where You Lake T-shirts available for \$10.

Charter Boat Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina reported several boats have been inspected and a few more are being inspected in the coming days. April 4th there will be a charter boat meeting.

No Wake Buoys

Commissioner Howard reported the new buoy application has been posted to the website. Chairman Billy Wilson and the committee will be meeting with Major Myers next week.

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

- TDS Metrocom, application for line crossing at Cornelius Road bridge using the existing poles just below the power line approximately 31' above the water. Commissioner Machhaupt made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Uzzolina . The motion passed unanimously

Administrative Matters

- HR and Staff Job Description process. Executive Director will submit a new annual contract and description of services with each years budget to be submitted by May 1st and approved at the May meeting. Commissioner Howard made a motion to adopt this process, seconded by Commissioner Uzzolina. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Our next meeting will be April 11, 2022