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LNMC MINUTES

**September 12, 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
	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 August 08, 2022 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 reported the following items:

- LNMC has provided law enforcement with additional PFD's to allow them to provide this important safety equipment to boaters that don't have proper PFD's.
- Later this week, Duke Energy will host the Catawba-Wateree Project Seven-Year Meeting of Recreation Specialist Parties. I will attend representing the Marine Commission and will provide an update at the next meeting on the planned recreation facilities on Lake Norman.

REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT

Cornelius Police Department

Office Rowe reported Officers responded to 42 calls for service during the month of August. These calls for service were on the lake only. The most calls for service were received on Mondays. Calls for service were most often reported between the hours of 12:00pm - 6:00pm. The average response time for all calls of service was 9.74 minutes. The average response time to citizen generated calls was 10.70 minutes. Officers self-initiated 371 zone checks. There were 20 vessel stops with 4 verbal warnings, 13 written warnings and 3 State Citations issued, also 9 vessel safety checks during the stops. Officers conducted 11 Community Involvement activities

- A missing swimmer was reported near "Hello sailor". The swimmer was later found safe after

being picked up by a jet ski.

- A female was reported to be passed out and foaming at the mouth at the Sandbar. The female was located and found to be extremely intoxicated. She was transported to the hospital by Medic.
- Report of a boat sinking and leaking fuel at a private dock in Davidson. The Davidson Fire Department set out booms to contain the fuel was able to pump the water out of the boat. The boat was then towed and taken out of the lake.
- Lake Patrol Officers, trained with Fire Department personnel in Search and Rescue Techniques and Technology.
- Lake Patrol Officers attending National Night Out at Bailey Road Park. Cornelius Police vessel Marine 1 was on location. Citizens, kids and boaters all had the opportunity to board the vessel and discuss lake and boater safety.

Iredell County Sheriff

Lake Patrol Deputy Church reported 93 calls for service. 2 trespassing calls. 27 traffic stops. Need 3 color chem sticks. Assisted 2 motorists. Completed 4 investigations. 23 citations. 63 vessel inspections. Participated in the Iredell County Fair. Oct 6-8 event scheduled.

Catawba County Lake Patrol

Lt. Boger reported nothing major over the holiday weekend, but did assist with a rope swing injury where a gentlemen broke both ankles. 26 calls for service. 462 hours on the water. 632 property checks. 98 citations with the majority being wake violations. SWAT Team will begin training on the water this month.

Lincoln County Lake Patrol

Sgt Calhoun – No Report

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Officer Billings reported expanded life jacket loaner program. 75 throwable devices donated. No accidents reported over Labor Day weekend. 1 impairment arrest.

Reports – Lake Issues

Duke Energy

Chad Broadway – No report

Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26

Steve Riggins reported 185.37 on the water hours for this season.

1. One of the Lake Norman flotillas will conduct Boat America in-person classes at the Denver, NC Fire Dept. on the following date: Oct 29
2. A Boat America Boating Safety Class was conducted on August 27 with 10 students enrolled and graduating, including a 13 year old.
3. Activities continue to assess the possibility of installing a USCG Auxiliary Fixed Land VHF Marine Radio Station at the Cornelius Police Department Lake Patrol Office in Ramsey Creek Park
4. Internal training activities are continuing and ATONS' condition on Lake Norman continue to be assessed during patrols and any issues reported.

Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.

Peter Cook - No Report

Island Habitat Program & NC Wildlife Federation

Billy Wilson reported Laktober Fest is October 15th at 5:00pm and all proceeds from alcohol sales will go to the NC Wildlife Federation.

Catawba Riverkeepers

Brandon Jones reported River Sweep coming up the 3rd Saturday in October. Last year collected 55000 lbs of trash. Still in need of boat captains to shuttle volunteers to the islands. The floating classroom now has 2 engines and hope to have in place this fall. The swim guide program has wrapped up for this season.

Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge

Dave Ferguson reported the last collection was July 12th. Numbers look great. The next sampling is scheduled for tomorrow.

Comments from the Public:

Committee Reports:

ATON Committee

Executive Director Morris reported the following since last meeting:

- Installation of high intensity lights for channel markers continues. The red and green lights do have different flashing intervals which should help identify them. Currently we have 33 new lights installed out of total of 82 navigation markers.
- Lights are reported out at following:
 - Shoal near T4, marker to be replaced
 - Shoal near Queen's Landing
 - Shoal near Governor's Island
 - Bridge Buoy at Governor's Island
- Several ATON's have Osprey Nests and those will be removed later once the birds have departed.
- Continue to replace faded signs as funds allow.

Environmental Committee

Executive Director Morris Sample reported following up on reports of hydrilla, eel grass and lymbea. NC State will be performing the lake survey later this fall.

Boater Education/Communication

Commissioner Scott reported the season is winding down. Thanked everyone for getting the word out "Love Where You Lake".

Charter Boat Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina reported continuing to work on adjustments for the Charter Boat regulations. Let him know if you would like to volunteer to be on the committee.

No Wake Buoys

Commissioner Howard reported the No Wake Buoy application process was revised but has encountered some hurdles. The first application was submitted to NC Wildlife for a recommendation for approval. Awaiting them to determine if they can assist as there is a general statute in place for Lake Norman. There will be more follow-up discussions to determine the best course of action going forward. NC Wildlife continues to remove illegal buoys.

Rafting Committee

No report

Applications

No-Wake Buoy Requests

- None

Rafting Applications

- None

Charter Boat Applications

- None

Variances

- None

PERMITS

- None

FERC Applications

- None

Administrative Matters

- Memorandum between DEQ, Duke and the Commission. Our cost is \$3164. Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve, Commissioner Howard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2022-2023 Nominations – Commissioner Uzzolina made a motion to nominate Commissioner Scott as Chairman, Commissioner Howard as Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Uzzolina as Secretary/Treasurer. The nominations passed unanimously.
- Executive Director Morris Sample recognized Chairman Eddinger for his service to the marine commission and presented him with a plaque.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Our next meeting will be October 10, 2022