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LNMC MINUTES

**January 09, 2023
Charles Mack Center
 Mooresville, NC**

Lake Norman Marine Commissioners:

David Scott	Chairman
Rick Howard	Iredell County
Christopher Uzzolina	Lincoln County
John Johnson	Mecklenburg County
Kevin Frank	Catawba 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 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 November 14, 2022 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Frank, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Approval of the minutes as presented were passed unanimously.

Reports – LNMC Executive Director

Executive Director Morris Sample – Report Attached

REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT

Cornelius Police Department

Lt Matt Figaro reported 13 calls for service. 6.6 minute response time. Sergeant McClelan has been promoted and will be taking the place of Lt Figaro. Officer Brenzey reported December is the month of building partnerships with all stakeholders within the lake community. Looking to build a document for tracking real time data. Working closely with Commissioner Johnson . 2 successful lighted lake Christmas parades. Working with Meck Co Emergency Services for a mass casualty plan for grounded planes. Lake Norman has one of the busiest flight paths. November Love Where You Lake event to discuss rental boats. Plan to create a Boater Education Center at Blythe Landing. New boat out for bid.

Iredell County Sheriff

Officer Johnson reported various parades on the lake that went well. A few calls regarding duck hunters, working with Wildlife to determine the best course of action.

Catawba County Lake Patrol
Officer Sawyer - No Report

Lincoln County Lake Patrol
Sgt Calhoun – No Report

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission
Officer Billings – No Report

Reports – Lake Issues

Duke Energy
Chad Broadway - No Report

Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26
Steve Riggins – Report Attached

Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.
Gregory Clemmer reported working with multiple agencies to create partnership at Blythe Landing. Working to create a permit to use land based launching for boat rentals. Complaints of duck hunters shooting towards park areas.

Catawba Riverkeepers
Brandon Jones reported received 2 reports related to erosion at active construction sites. Boat scheduled to be delivered this summer. State of the River report delivered January 24, 2023. Opening intern candidate pool next week for a paid internship this summer.

Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge

Mecklenburg County Water Quality
Dave Ferguson reported November was the most recent sampling event. There were 6 sampling events in 2022. The water quality is fabulous. Lake Cornelius and Lake Davidson act more as ponds and get very little movement and therefore the water quality is not as good.

NC Wildlife Federation
Billy Wilson – No Report

Comments from the Public:

- Jenz Mueller - Represent Pointe Regatta HOA. Applied for 2 no wake buoys. Tubers in cove and the wake that is being created. Concerned with safety. Also concerned with wear and tear on the docks and boats.
- Debbie Harwell - Lady of the Lake Yacht and the Catawba River Boat - who is in charge of commercial docks on Lake Norman? Looking for a place to dock a charter boat.
- Greg Wesley - Represent the Lake Norman Company. Stone Harbor Marina no wake buoy application. The marina is located in a very busy area.

Committee Reports:

ATON Committee

Environmental/Hydrilla Committee

Executive Director Morris Sample – Awaiting report from NC State survey

Boater Education/Communication

Commissioner Johnson reported putting together an Education Committee. If anyone is interested please submit your name. Looking at a combined reporting mechanism with a unified lake wide system.

Charter Boat Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina reported voting for the revisions of the Charter Boat Regulations. Commissioner Uzzolina made a motion to adopt the revised regulations, Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rental Boat Committee

Commissioner Frank reported finalized all members of the new committee. Will begin the meeting process this month.

Rafting Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina - No Report

No Wake Buoys

Commissioner Howard reported there will be a vote on changes to the buoy ordinance. There are 3 active applications. The applicants submit the application and it is reviewed by the committee and then sent to NC Wildlife for review.

Applications

No-Wake Buoy Requests

- Pointe Regatta HOA - NC Wildlife did not recommend a buoy. Commissioner Howard made a motion to disapprove as recommended by NC Wildlife and the Buoy Committee, Commissioner Frank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Stone Harbor Marina - NC Wildlife did not recommend a buoy. Commissioner Howard made a motion to disapprove as recommended by NC Wildlife and the Buoy Committee, Commissioner Frank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Williams Steele - NC Wildlife did not recommend a buoy. Commissioner Howard made a motion to disapprove as recommended by NC Wildlife and the Buoy Committee, Commissioner Uzzolina seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rafting Applications

- None

Charter Boat Applications

- None

Variances

- None

PERMITS

- None

FERC Applications

- None

Administrative Matters

- Approval of Budget Ordinance for FY 2023-2024 - Commissioner Frank made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance for FY 2023-2024, Commissioner Howard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Our next meeting will be February 13, 2023

Executive Director Comments

Jan 9, 2023 Meeting

- The Drought Monitoring procedure indicates that we are back to normal conditions. Low Inflow protocol indicates normal.
- LNMC has received updated Lake Norman Maps, these maps show a zone 200 feet from shoreline where we recommend operation at no wake speeds while current state law mandates a 150 foot no wake zone. This map will be available at no charge and an electronic version is also available through the Avenza Map app that is free for basic

use. Links to the electronic version are available on our website.

- Introduce Belinda Johnson, Auditor to give report on audit for FY 21-22.

ATON Report Jan 2023

- Installation of high intensity lights for channel markers continues. The red and green lights do have different flashing intervals which should help identify them. To date 52 of the 82 channel markers have been upgraded. The remainder will be completed over the next few months.
- Lights are reported out at the following:
 - Marker 17D, 18B, Osprey nests obstructing lights will be removed and lights upgraded.
- Bridge buoys at Slanting Bridge Road and Hwy 150 bridge are out of position.

Report from USCG Auxiliary for Lake Norman Marine Commission January 9, 2023
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Representing the three CG Auxiliary units operating on Lake Norman:

Flotilla 26-01 Lake Norman, Flotilla 26-03 Davidson, Flotilla 26-04 West Lake Norman

Activity Summary:

The three units operating on Lake Norman were involved in the combined activities listed below. On-water activities are typically conducted on Lake Norman from April 1 – October 30 each year. On-water activities are generally scheduled in 1-2 weeks in advance; emergency callout procedures can be invoked if needed.

USCG Auxiliary Lake Norman Flotilla Activities 2022	
Activity	YTD As Of 12/31/2022
On-Water Patrols Count	47
On-Water Patrols Hours	239.7
Public Education Classes	8
Public Education Enrollees	95
Vessel Safety Checks Completed	204

Upcoming Events and Items of Note:

1. Activities continue to install a USCG Auxiliary Fixed Land VHF Marine Radio Station. New likely location is Blythe Landing Park with ongoing discussions with Mecklenburg Parks.
 2. Charlotte Mid-Atlantic Boat Show is Feb. 9-12, 2023 at Charlotte Convention Center. USCG Auxiliary intends to have a boot at the event.
- End of report.