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LNMC MINUTES

February 13, 2023
Charles Mack Center
Mooresville, NC

Lake Norman Marine Commissioners:

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| David Scott | Chairman |
| Rick Howard | Iredell County |
| Christopher Uzzolina | Lincoln County |
| John Johnson | Mecklenburg County |
| Kevin Frank | Catawba County |

Staff:

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| 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 January 9, 2023 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Uzzolina, 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 Vanzant reported officers responded to 8 calls for service. Average response time was 3.43 minutes.

- Report of a plane crash, but it was discovered that the plane was a seaplane which had landed and taken off again prior to lake officers arrival.
- Davidson Police Dept called about someone putting trees in the lake.
- Possible duck hunters near 20235 Rainbow Cir in Cornelius. Subjects left the area as officers were speaking with the caller. Could not confirm if they were indeed duck hunters, no gunshots were fired.
- Lake Patrol Officers are continuing to work on plans for mass casualty incidents by meeting with the NTSB

- “Float it Forward” life ring donation at the YMCA
- While on boat patrol, an officer observed a group of teens run off of the John Connor island and jump into a light colored SUV and flee the PVA at a high rate of speed. No signs of a crime were found on the island.

Iredell County Sheriff

Depute Church reported 79 calls for service. Most resolved quickly. 11 stops for safety violations. Overturned duck boat on Lake Davidson. Passengers treated for hypothermia. Responded to overturned sail boat. Working to make a difference with teenagers and educating them. Certified teens at Lake Norman High School.

Catawba County Lake Patrol

Lt Boger reported minimal issues. Vehicle found under a bridge and solved a 2008 cold case.

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 – No report

Catawba Riverkeepers

Brandon Jones – No report

Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge

Mecklenburg County Water Quality

Dave Ferguson reported January 10th and 11th monitoring. Water quality looks great with phenomenal visibility. Next monitoring is in March.

NC Wildlife Federation

Billy Wilson – No Report

Comments from the Public:

- Chris Unger – Marker 18 – 22 just North of Hwy 150 bridge. Shoot Out – Event in association with OPA. Preliminary map for review. ¾ mile track and 1 mile shut down. Tentative mid-September date. 50-100 participating boats anticipated.
- Collin Fercht – 20 year Lake Norman resident. Boat owner. Reiterated the Float it Forward campaign. Beginning budget season for Town of Cornelius. Looking at additional resources to help on the lake. Lives at end of Holiday Marina. Would like to move out the existing buoy to help with wake in the cove.

Committee Reports:**ATON Committee**

Executive Director Morris Sample – Report Attached

Environmental/Hydrilla Committee

Executive Director Morris Sample – Technical advisory group met. There was no hydrilla below 150. One small patch north of 150 but in a swampy area that fish have difficulty getting to. Going to monitor to see if the existing fish will maintain it. Stocking 750 sterile grass carp in the spring as maintenance. Possible study to harvest to determine life expectancy of the fish.

Boater Education/Communication

Commissioner Johnson reported will meet next month at 6:00pm before the marine commission meeting. Zoom access will be available.

Charter Boat Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina reported pamphlets have been sent out. Once the completed package is received Steve Riggins will schedule the inspection.

Rental Boat Committee

Commissioner Frank reported 7 members in the committee. Narrowing down a list of requirements for the rental boat companies. Wide range of existing requirements among the facilities.

Rafting Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina - No Report

No Wake Buoys

Commissioner Howard reported feedback from the boat show. NC Wildlife requested we make some changes to the application in removing the reference to the NC Wildlife. Chairman Scott made a motion to approve the changes, Commissioner Uzzolina seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Applications**No-Wake Buoy Requests**

- None

Rafting Applications

- None

Charter Boat Applications

- None

Variances

- None

PERMITS

- None

FERC Applications

- None

Administrative Matters

- Update to authorized list of check signers – Commissioner Howard made a motion to approve the list of signers, Commissioner Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Our next meeting will be March February 13, 2023

Executive Director Comments

Feb 13, 2023 Meeting

- The Catawba Wateree Water Management group has started work on the update to the Integrated Water Resources Plan to cover the next 50-75 years. The goal is to study the water usage projections for the river system and determine if any changes to water usage is needed. The scope is 376 miles of river, 11 reservoirs, and 12 Hydro stations. LNMC is part of the Stake Holder Advisory Team and will be participating in this process over the next 2-3 years.
- Boat Show Report – John Gerke – Thanked all of the commissioners and volunteers who participated. 10700 visitors. 700 visited the LNMC booth directly. Didn't receive as many wake complaints. A lot of questions about rental boats and starting businesses on the lake. Distributed a lot of lake maps.

ATON Report Feb 2023

- Installation of high intensity lights for channel markers has been completed. Shoal marker lights will be replaced with higher intensity lights as old lights require replacement.
- Osprey nests obstructing some markers have been removed and lights repaired. Working to install more nesting poles.
- New shoal marker near Marker 4 where small island has eroded to below water level.

