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## **LNMC MINUTES**

**November 18, 2024  
Charles Mack Center  
Mooresville, NC**

### **Lake Norman Marine Commissioners:**

Chris Uzzolina	Chairman
John Johnson	Mecklenburg County
Kevin Frank	Catawba County (Absent)
Billy Wilson	Iredell County
Jim Konieczny	Lincoln County (Absent)

### **Staff:**

David Scott	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 Uzzolina at 7:00pm. All in attendance rose to salute the flag and repeat together the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes**

After a review of the minutes from the October 14, 2024 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Approval of the minutes, as presented, were passed unanimously.

### **Reports – LNMC Executive Director**

Executive Director David Scott – Report Attached

### **REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT**

#### **Cornelius Police Department**

Officer Ferguson Cornelius Lake Patrol reported 38 calls for service. Average response time was 9 minutes. Hurricane Helene relief with delivery of goods to the mountains. Assisted in lake clean up of debris from the hurricane.

#### **Iredell County Sheriff**

Officer Odone Lake Patrol reported 167 for service with 56 stops and 1234 security checks. Issued 6 citations. Water activity has slowed. Attended a fishing tournament on 11/8/24. Discovered 2 campfires at Hagers Creek and asked the people to extinguish the fires.

#### **Catawba County Lake Patrol**

Lieutenant Bryon Hollar Lake – No Report

#### **Lincoln County Lake Patrol**

**N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission**  
NC Wildlife Officer - No Report

**Duke Energy**

Thanked the NC Wildlife for assisting with debris removal and will continue those efforts.

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26**  
Steve Riggins – Report Attached

**Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.**  
Gregory Clemmor – No Report

**Catawba Riverkeepers**  
Brandon Jones – No Report

**Water Quality/Buffers/Illegal Discharge**

**Mecklenburg County Water Quality**

Dave Ferguson – Report by email stated on the water 11/13/24. Water quality level for bacteria was surprisingly good.

**NC Wildlife Federation**

Billy Wilson reported NC Wildlife is helping lead the way with the clean up on Lake Norman. October 26<sup>th</sup> large group clean up effort. Discovered 2 miles of shoreline near the state park with a mass amount of debris. Put a call out to veteran volunteers and the community to recruit a clean up crew and had 75 volunteers participate. Collected 20 tons of debris. November 2<sup>nd</sup> did a second launch from multiple locations with 7 boats and 40 volunteers. Focused on 7 islands and netted 10 tons of debris. November 16<sup>th</sup> staged at the Long Island area with 6 boats and 40 volunteers and covered 5 miles of shoreline and removed 6 tons of debris. Clean up will continue with smaller groups in specific areas with a more strategic approach. Thank you to all of the sponsors – Duke Energy, River Keeper, Towboat US, Lancaster Custom Dock & Lift, Republic Services, Peninsula Yacht Club, Skippers Landing, Stay Lake Norman, Cornelius Police Department, Tally Pier 77 Marine, Long Island Marina, NC Wildlife Resources, Dumpster Pronto. Dedication of Patriot Pier Rock Reef to the veterans on Veterans Day.

**Comments from the Public:**

- Matt with Carolina Cruising – Requesting operators be involved with the laws and what is happening on the lake. How can we come together to accomplish goals?

**Committee Reports:**

**ATON Committee**

Assistant Director John Gerke reported not a lot of damage from the storm. Multiple lights out in Stumpy Creek but no details. Please report specifics if you see a light out. Contractor will go out and look at an 8' pole sticking out of the water 12" to determine if it is a shoal marker.

**Environmental/Hydrilla Committee**

Committee Chairman Bob Vandola reported algae blooms are present and to use the website to report and use caution in using the lake.

**Boater Education/Communication**

Commissioner Johnson reported continue delivering life rings. Recommend attending the upcoming public SMP meetings. Good discussion with DEQ regarding water sampling in the upper areas of the lake.

**Charter Boat Committee**

Commissioner Uzzolina reported no new applications. There will be some amendments to the verbiage and the forms with new pricing. Focus on getting the regulations into session to get it officially on the books. Rental boats did a great job of building a data base of boats with over 400 registered. Will work to join the charter boat and rental boat together.

**Rental Boat Committee**

Chairman Uzzolina reported it is recommended to add the verbiage "it shall be unlawful for anyone to operate a rental boat as a charter boat". Chairman Uzzolina made a motion to approve, Commissioner Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Rafting Committee**

Commissioner Uzzolina – No Report

**No Wake Buoys**

Commissioner Wilson – No Report

New Positions for the 2024-2025 year:

No Wake Buoys – Bily Wilson

Charter Boat/Rental Boat – Kevin Frank

Education – Jim Konieczny

Rafting – John Johnson

**Applications****No-Wake Buoy Requests****Rafting Applications****Charter Boat Applications****Variances**

- None

**PERMITS**

- None

**FERC Applications**

- Midway Marina – Rebuild – No additional comments or concerns
- Piedmont Natural Gas extension at Williamson Road – No additional comments or concerns

**Administrative Matters**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financials Reviewed and no additional comments.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm. Our next meeting will be January 13, 2024.



## Executive Director Comments

November 18, 2024

- The aftermath of Hurricane Helene is still top of mind.
  - Clean up activities have started with planning coordinated among Duke, NCWF, Riverkeeper, LWMC, and others. Commissioner Wilson is taking a lead and will update us.
  - There are still unknown levels of contaminants and contact with the water is not advised. Outbreaks of Harmful Algal Blooms have been found around the lake. Please see our LNMC.org homepage for latest advisories from Charlotte Water and Duke.
  - Duke has restricted use of access ramps and they will continue to block off sections which are being used for cleanup.
  - Duke is using contractors to remove large manmade debris. Directions to request service are on our website homepage.
  - Everyone should use Duke's Lake View app and the lnmc.org website to see the latest advisories.

Thanks to everyone who helped during and since the event to reduce loss of life, help residents in need, and clean up the debris.

- Planning continued with Charlotte Water, Duke and the Lake Wylie Marine Commission on a unified approach to obtaining ongoing funding for future lymgbya treatments. A meeting with officials will be held in mid-January to request recurring funding for Lakes Norman, Mountain Island, and Wylie. We will use 2024 as a baseline for planning.
- We have also submitted a request for a multi year grant to enable us to accelerate and expand most of our programs. We will be

meeting with North Carolina government representatives to ask for their support

- The review by Duke and other stakeholders of the draft of the 2025 **Catawba – Wateree Shoreline Management Plan** is continuing. The draft and shoreline maps public reviews will be scheduled early in 2025. If you would like to review the document and submit ideas for revisions please contact your Commissioner.
- Finally, there will be no meeting in December. Happy holiday season to everyone.



**Report from USCG Auxiliary for Lake Norman Marine Commission November 18, 2024**

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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 2024	
Activity	YTD As Of 11/13/2024
On-Water Patrols Count*	48
On-Water Patrols Hours*	233
Public Education Classes***	9
Public Education Enrollees	115
Vessel Safety Checks Completed**	341
* Includes on-water patrols and supporting radio watches	
** Actual number on LKN higher-VSCs by non-LKN Flotillas not included	
*** Includes Class at Blythe Landing taught by Lake Wylie Flotilla	

**Upcoming Events and Items of Note:**

1. The Marine VHF radio station at the Joshua Murray Boating Safety and Awareness Initiative at Blythe Landing will soon be in operation. A battery backup system was added to power radios and computers should the street power fail. The Coast Guard approval is in process to put the station on the air.
2. A Boat America Boating Safety Class will be held at the Denver Fire Department on November 16, 2024
3. CG Auxiliary conducted a Public Affairs Booth at Blythe Landing Oct. 18 for the Haunted House event arranged by Cornelius PD and Mecklenburg County ABC Board.
4. Local CG Auxiliary Units and Division 26 will hold Change of Watch Ceremonies during the months of January February, installing new officers combined with a social event / meal.

End of report.