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## **LNMC MINUTES**

**March 11, 2024  
Charles Mack Center  
Mooresville, NC**

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

Rick Howard	Chairman
Christopher Uzzolina	Lincoln County
John Johnson	Mecklenburg County
Kevin Frank	Catawba County
Billy Wilson	Iredell 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 Howard 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 12, 2024 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Frank, seconded by Commissioner Uzzolina. 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 Bennett with Lake Patrol reported 5 calls for service. Officers participated in 1 community involvement activity with a father and son that came to visit the lake house.

February Highlights:

- Finishing up ongoing work at Blythe Landing Training Facility by Spring 2024
- Marine Commission Meeting at Yacht Club
- Foothill Kayak and Anglers Tournament at Blythe Landing.

#### **Iredell County Sheriff**

Deputy Church – No Report

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

LNMC Minutes continued  
Lieutenant Bryon Hollar Lake – No Report

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**Lincoln County Lake Patrol**  
Deputy Isaacs Lincoln County Sheriff's department – No Report

**N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission**  
Sargent Lyle – No Report

### **Reports – Lake Issues**

#### **Duke Energy**

Chad Broadway introduced Casey the Lincoln County lake rep. Effective April 1<sup>st</sup> permits must be submitted online. Lake Level 97.3. Target recreation level for the season will be 97.5. Dredging moratorium is in effect from March 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Commissioner Uzzolina asked for clarification on commercial marina use and grandfathered rules  
Chairman Howard asked where the 300' rule came from limiting commercial/marina use of a cove

**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/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge**

**Mecklenburg County Water Quality**  
Dave Ferguson – No Report

#### **NC Wildlife Federation**

Billy Wilson reported resolved 8 ATOnS where osprey's were nesting. Trying a new method to deter the osprey from nesting using a spike system. If it's successful then this will be expanded. 150 of 300 button bushes were planted in November. Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> the remaining 150 button bushes were planted. 300 Christmas trees that the Shriner's collected will be dropped April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. The meeting locations are Skippers and Lancaster Custom Dock.

### **Comments from the Public:**

- None

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **ATON Committee**

Assistant Director John Gerke reported the 8 ATONS that had old osprey nests removed. Channel Marker 16 was leaning and light not functioning. These are on the repair list. A loose bridge buoy is also being reset.

#### **Environmental/Hydrilla Committee**

Committee Chairman Bob Vandola reported an update to control the lymbya problem. Funds were collected quickly. Consulting with Jessica from NC State University. Hoping to have a contract in the next few weeks. Working on an additional contract with the university to evaluate the efficacy of the treatment.

Received a proposal from the preferred contractor to perform the services. They are working with Lake Gaston. March 26<sup>th</sup> the contractor will meet with Duke Energy staff and Jessica, the NC State rep. Keep in mind that this first year effort is just a first year effort and we should be prepared for more of the same in the coming years. We are currently on budget. Jessica is going to prepare a press release to go out in early April. This could also go on the LNMC website but should also go out through local media. Hopefully this will minimize public concerns. There will be 6 applications throughout the growing season.

### **Boater Education/Communication**

Commissioner Johnson reported a busy month. Met with Cornelius PD at the safety training facility. People have donated time and items to furnish the facility. Followed up on questions from the boat show. PYC meeting regarding rental boats. Approximately 60 people attended and 40 were businesses. Thank you to law enforcement and parks and rec for their participation. Thank you to Steve Riggans for assisting with inspection training. Met with people from Denver and Iredell Fire Department for commercial operators. Training for how to deal with a fire on a boat or a medical emergency. Encourage having an action plan. Meeting March 18, 7:00-9:00pm at the Denver Fire Department.

### **Charter Boat Committee**

Commissioner Uzzolina – No report

### **Rental Boat Committee**

Commissioner Frank reported the rental boat regulations were implemented 1/1/24. The meeting at PYC went well. The 2 training sessions for rental boat companies who have 10 boats or more to be able to perform their own inspections. Identified over 300 vessels that can be self inspected. Rental boat stickers are now available and will be distributed. The online application process is up and running with online payment available through Paypal.

### **Rafting Committee**

Commissioner Uzzolina – No report

### **No Wake Buoys**

Commissioner Wilson – No report

## **Applications**

### **No-Wake Buoy Requests**

### **Rafting Applications**

### **Charter Boat Applications**

## **Variances**

- None

## **PERMITS**

- None

## **FERC Applications**

- Pike Electric overhead line – A motion to approve by Commissioner Uzzolina and seconded by Commissioner Frank. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Administrative Matters**

- None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Our next meeting will be April 8, 2024.

**Executive Director Comments**

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- There was a lot of progress and activity since our last meeting on Rental and Charter boats, including training sessions and upgrades to our website. We are ready to get everyone registered and trained. The Commissioners will give you more details.
- Since our last meeting, the Marine Commission participated in a few meetings
  - CWWMG Drought Advisory Group to close out Level 1.
  - An LNMC update to the Mooresville/Upper Lake Rotary Club
  - An update to civic leaders from Eastside cities and counties
- The Commission will be meeting with the Four Counties Leadership, Duke, Charlotte Water, and citizens this Wednesday to update them on our plans for Lyngbya eradication and update them on other Commission priorities, including our new Charter and Rental regulations.
- Though the next meeting of the group working on the 2025 updates to the Catawba – Wateree Shoreline Management Plan is not until April, I remind you to review the document and submit ideas for revisions. Please contact your Commissioner.



**Report from USCG Auxiliary for Lake Norman Marine Commission March 11, 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 3/8/2024
On-Water Patrols Count	0
On-Water Patrols Hours	0
Public Education Classes	0
Public Education Enrollees	0
Vessel Safety Checks Completed	30

**Upcoming Events and Items of Note:**

1. Activities continue to install a USCG Auxiliary Fixed Land VHF Marine Radio Station. Location is Blythe Landing Park. A memorandum of understanding between Mecklenburg Parks and the USCG Auxiliary for use of the Blythe Landing facility is in draft stage. Once the MOU is completed, installation of the utility pole to support antennas and the radio equipment will commence. Funds needed have been received. The goal is to have the radio station up and running before boating season, at latest for National Safe Boating Week in May.
2. A boating safety class is scheduled for March 16 at the Denver Fire Dept.

End of report.