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LNMC MINUTES

**April 08, 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 March 11, 2024 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 David Scott – Report Attached

REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT

Cornelius Police Department

Officer Brinzey with Lake Patrol reported new boat in service. The Boating Education Center is launching May 18 from 10:00-2:00.

Iredell County Sheriff

Deputy Church 59 calls for service. 7 navigational hazards. Citizens Academy.

Catawba County Lake Patrol

Lieutenant Bryon Hollar Lake – No Report

Lincoln County Lake Patrol

Deputy Isaacs Lincoln County Sheriff's department – 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 Clemmor drawing a hard line on rental boat companies. Ranger located at the front booths to clear everyone. Denied access to 4 companies that weren't compliant. Charter Boats per the LNMC ordinance are not allowed to launch from a public access.

Catawba Riverkeepers

Brandon Jones – No Report

Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge

Mecklenburg County Water Quality

Dave Ferguson on the water March 11th. All numbers look great including Lake Cornelius and Lake Davidson. No monitoring in April. Big Bass tournament this weekend April 12-14.

NC Wildlife Federation

Billy Wilson – No Report

Comments from the Public:

- None

Committee Reports:

ATON Committee

Assistant Director John Gerke reported a phone call regarding the removal of the osprey nests from the ATONS. Lake Norman has reached its capacity on osprey and therefore we are trying to get them to relocate. Report of 2 poles floating.

Environmental/Hydrilla Committee

Committee Chairman Bob Vandola reported signed contract with Jessica of NC State University. She'll be leading the effort for coordinating the treatment for lyngbya. This is being treated as a pilot effort to see what works and how it works. 10 acres have been identified. The protocol is copper based algaecides. They are EPA approved and will not affect swimming and fishing.

Boater Education/Communication

Commissioner Johnson reported meeting updating rental boat and charter boat regulations. 2100% increase from 1985 to 2005 in population for Cornelius and Huntersville. That growth came from the lake. March 18th was the training session for fire and medical. Certificates presented to key parties. Working to support the Blythe safety center with boater safety materials. Working on a deal to get the life rings down to a reasonable rate.

Charter Boat Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina – No report

Rental Boat Committee

Commissioner Frank reported new process up and running. 73 vessels approved to date. Thank you to the Coast Guard for assisting with inspections. 2-3 applications per week on average.

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

- None

Administrative Matters

- None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Our next meeting will be May 13, 2024.

April 8, 2024

- Remain **cautious** for lots of debris still in the water. We have been getting lots of requests about removal of large logs and trees on beaches and to rap. Unless it is a hazard to navigation, natural material will not be removed. Duke Lake Services should be contacted if larger items are man-made or are a hazard. We have suggested lawn or tree services be called for large trees.
- Since our last meeting, the Marine Commission members have participated in several meetings including
 - **Catawba -Wateree Management Group's Integrated Water Resources Plan working committee** on 14 March. This is a multi-year study to develop water management strategies and tools considering many economic and environmental factors for the long term (through 2100)
 - March 13 we met with managers and commissioners from all our counties, Duke, and Charlotte Water, and our citizens group to update them on the lynchbya plan as well as all of our other major initiatives. They were very supportive and we will plan similar sessions in the future.
 - March 18 we and the Lake Wylie Marine Commission held a work meeting with Duke to address issues which we had brought up in the general sessions of the group working on the **Catawba – Wateree Shoreline Management Plan**.
- As a reminder, the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) is basically the guidelines for any construction, shoreline stabilization or modifications, marinas, etc that touch the shores of any Duke Lake in the FERC project. If you would like to review the document and submit ideas for revisions please contact your Commissioner.
- Also on the 18th there was great fire, emergency, medical training session for captains. I'd like to recognize Capt Ronnie Caldwell for his initiative in organizing this. More from John Johnson during the education committee report.
- Finally, last month we signed contracts for additional stocking of Carp and for the lynchbya treatment program. More about this later from Bob Van Dolah.



Report from USCG Auxiliary for Lake Norman Marine Commission April 8, 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 4/4/2024
On-Water Patrols Count	0
On-Water Patrols Hours	0
Public Education Classes	1
Public Education Enrollees	23
Vessel Safety Checks Completed	85

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 as soon as possible.
2. A boating safety class conducted March 16 at the Denver Fire Dept graduated 23 students.
3. CG Auxiliary will participate in Blythe Landing lake safety center opening ceremony on May 18 and will also assist with planning and building setup.
4. CG Auxiliary continues to conduct Vessel Safety Checks for rental boats on Lake Norman to provide the safety check required by the LNMC Rental Boat Ordinance.
5. CG Auxiliary will participate in portions of Lake Norman first responder / LE training being conducted week of April 8.

End of report.