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## **LNMC MINUTES**

**January 13, 2025  
Charles Mack Center  
 Mooresville, NC**

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

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

### **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 November 18, 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

Belinda Johnson, auditor, reported confirmation was received that our financials were accepted in October 2024. Per LGC standards the commission has a healthy fund balance.

### **REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT**

#### **Cornelius Police Department**

George Brinzey Cornelius Lake Patrol reported December was a quiet month. Responded to a few calls regarding duck hunting. Attended 2 lighted boat parades. Planning for the upcoming season.

#### **Iredell County Sheriff**

Officer Johnson Lake Patrol reported several duck hunting calls. Island Fire but unsure of source. Cornelius assisted. 162 calls for service. Issued 5 written warnings. Assisted with lighted boat parades.

**Catawba County Lake Patrol**

Joe MacIntosh Lake reported 4 hours in November and 1 citation. 16 water hours in December and 16 training hours. Participated in 2 community meetings

**Lincoln County Lake Patrol**

Deputy Isaacs Lincoln County Sheriff's – No Report

**N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission**

NC Wildlife Officer - No Report

**Duke Energy**

Chad Broadway SMP meeting tentatively in early March

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26**

Steve Riggins – Report Attached

**Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.**

Gregory Clemmer – No Report

**Catawba Riverkeepers**

Morgan Long reported mid-February will reach out to captains for swim sampling. The program runs Memorial Day to Labor Day. Floating classroom has been launched.

**Water Quality/Buffers/Illegal Discharge**

**Mecklenburg County Water Quality**

Dave Ferguson – Report by email on the water today and numbers will be available at the February meeting. Everything looked great so expecting bacteria numbers to be very low.

**NC Wildlife Federation**

Billy Wilson reported planning for 2025. The annual Christmas tree drop is in process and the date on the calendar is TBD. This is done in partnership with the Shriners. Looking for volunteers in the near future to assist with this project. Continue to thank all of the volunteers who assisted with the Lake Norman Hurricane Helene clean-up. Looking to fill some leadership positions.

**Comments from the Public:**

- Kevin Vesely spoke on behalf of small cove between the Point cove and Peninsula Yacht Club cove. Submitted a buoy application for consideration.

**Committee Reports:**

**ATON Committee**

Assistant Director John Gerke reported the list has increased due to Hurricane Helene repairs. 9 buoys have been displaced. All are illegal. 5 markers still have nests. 3 markers need lights replaced.

**Environmental/Hydrilla Committee**

Committee Chairman Bob VanDolah – No Report – Meeting on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> regarding Lyngbya funding.

**Boater Education/Communication**

Commissioner Johnson reported continuing distributing flyers and brochures with Love Where You Lake theme before the main season. Still distributing the life rings. Participating in monthly flyer articles.

Hypothermia is the biggest concern this time of year. Working to gather marina managers at a meeting to communicate lake information.

### **Charter Boat Committee**

Chairman Uzzolina reported the charter boat and rental boat committee will be combined. Working with the rental boats to offer captains and remain in compliance with the charter boat rules.

### **Rental Boat Committee**

Commissioner Frank reported completion of the first year with new rental boat rules. 52 rental boat applications were received throughout the year. 46 were approved. Approvals are good for 2 years.

### **Rafting Committee**

Commissioner Johnson – No Report

### **No Wake Buoys**

Commissioner Wilson reported the buoy application tonight will be on next month's agenda. The Peninsula Club Dr application to relocate their existing buoy to the mouth of the cove. They reference a fatality in 2019. This application has been deferred to law enforcement and the NC Wildlife Commission. The Lake Norman Company by North Harbor Club application to place 4 buoys along the entrance to their facility. 100 slip 5 dock facility. Their application was denied in 2022. They are reporting boat and dock damage and the buoy committee has been gathering additional information. The committee proposes 2 No Wake Zone poles to allow for more visibility in this particular situation. Chairman Uzzolina made a motion to approve 2 No Wake Zone poles to be installed at their expense. Commissioner Wilson retracted the motion pending further discussion.

## **Applications**

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

### **Rafting Applications**

### **Charter Boat Applications**

**Ski Slalom** – 4 applications – Chairman Uzzolina made a motion to approve, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Passed unanimously.

## **Variances**

- None

## **PERMITS**

- None

## **FERC Applications**

- Town of Davidson Kayak Launch – Commissioner Johnson thought it was a great idea. No additional comments.

## **Administrative Matters**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financials Reviewed and no additional comments Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Passed unanimously.

- 2025-2026 Budget Resolution – Chairman Uzzolina made a motion to approve, Commissioner Wilson seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Our next meeting will be February 10, 2025.

**Executive Director Comments****January 13, 2025**

- We continue to work with the North Carolina General Statutes Commission to finalize a provision to codify our statutory language. Hearings were held last week by NC Wildlife on a proposal to incorporate our regulations into their rules which make enforcement easier as well.
- 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 15 January to request recurring multi-year funding for Lakes Norman, Mountain Island, and Wylie.
- 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 draft of the 2025 **Catawba – Wateree Shoreline Management Plan** is complete after many meetings with Duke and stakeholders last year. The draft and shoreline maps public reviews will be scheduled soon.
- The 2025 Boat Show will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center February 6-9.
- Finally, I would like to introduce Belinda Johnson to review the results of our audit of the 2023 - 24 fiscal year.



**Report from USCG Auxiliary for Lake Norman Marine Commission January 13, 2025**

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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	2024 Total As Of 1/10/25
On-Water Patrols Count*	51
On-Water Patrols Hours*	250
Public Education Classes***	10
Public Education Enrollees	118
Vessel Safety Checks Completed**	350
* 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 USCG Auxiliary Marine VHF radio station at the Joshua Murray Boating Safety and Awareness Initiative at Blythe Landing is now operational with approval from the USCG. The first radio watch was held on December 21, 2024 for the Lake Norman Boat Parade. Plans for 2025 have been proposed and are under discussion for radio watchstanding, Public Education classes, Vessel Safety Checks, and support of other events at Blythe Landing.
2. A Boat America Boating Safety Class was held at the Denver Fire Department on November 16, 2024 with 3 students graduating.

End of report.