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## **LNMC MINUTES**

**March 10, 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 (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 February 10, 2025 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Approval of the minutes, as presented, were passed unanimously.

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

Executive Director David Scott – Report Attached

## **REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT**

### **Cornelius Police Department**

George Brinzey Cornelius Lake Patrol – No Report

### **Iredell County Sheriff**

Johnson Lake Patrol reported not much activity this month with the cold. 418 hours on the water. 766 property checks. Assisted 2 vessels. Removed debris.

### **Catawba County Lake Patrol**

Joe MacIntosh Lake Patrol – No Report

### **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 reported 96.1 lake level just above 95.7 target. Between now and May this will increase. 98' will be the target recreational level this year. The S&P revision process is moving forward. 2 public meetings and had good attendance. The marine commission was in attendance. The revised plan will be filed with the resource agencies next month. They will review and comment accordingly. On target to file with FERC by Q4. Brett Hartis is now the licensed manager.

**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/Buffers/Illegal Discharge****Mecklenburg County Water Quality**

Dave Ferguson reported by David Scott – on the water today taking lake samples. Numbers will be reported in April.

**NC Wildlife Federation**

Billy Wilson reported Christmas Trees dropped in the lake for fish habitats. Approximately 300 trees were collected this year. Lancaster Dock allowed the use of their barges which resulted in fewer trips. Thank you to Lancaster, Skipper's Marina, Site One and Real Heroes. Introduced Dave Myers as the new LNWC Secretary. Upcoming events – Young Explorers March 18-22 for ages 7-12; NCWF Clean and Green with the Town of Cornelius April 26<sup>th</sup> – debris pick up and collection from various islands around the lake. 1 tree for every pound of collected. Last year approximately 90 trees were donated. April 12<sup>th</sup> Earth Jam at Robbins Park. Island Habitat program being rekindled with the lake divided into 4 quadrants.

**Comments from the Public:**

- None

**Committee Reports:****ATON Committee**

Assistant Director John Gerke reported the following:

- Nests obstructing lights - 16A, 17C, 17D, R3, D1
- Light out – 17 (appears to be working), D5
- Little Creek – shoal marker down
- Developed prototype new light pole to raise the lights on ATONs to prevent blockage by osprey.

**Environmental/Hydrilla Committee**

Committee Chairman Bob VanDolah reported by email and presented by Executive Director David Scott the following:

The Hydrilla Advisory Group meeting was held on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Key results of the meeting included:

- Agreement to continue herbicide treatment in the cove near Buffalo Shoals since there is still a dense pocket of hydrilla in that area, although the size of the bed has been reduced due to the 2024 treatment effort.
- Agreement to stock 525 triploid grass carp in 2025 in an area close to new growth found in Muddy Creek (south of 150).

- Agreement to continue the vegetation survey of the lake that has been conducted by NCSU and Duke Energy. Costs and cost share are anticipated to be the same as in 2024.

The effort to treat Lyngbya in 2025 is still on track to be funded and should begin in April.

### **Boater Education/Communication**

Commissioner Johnson reported continued preparing for the upcoming season. Providing brochures to public areas for access. Q&A for new coast guard captains. Current publication about wintertime boating hitting mailboxes now. The next issue will have information regarding the clean up efforts after Hurricane Helene.

### **Charter Boat/Rental Boat Committee**

Commissioner Frank reported no changes to the rental boat policy. New applications being received with approximately a dozen so far. Working to simplify the charter boat application process. Also would like to bring consistency with the insurance requirements. Looking into how to address rental boat companies who wish to offer a captain. Conversations have been had with various people and agencies. Reviewing the charter boat inspection requirements based on vessel size and capacity.

### **Rafting Committee**

Commissioner Johnson – No Report

### **No Wake Buoys**

Commissioner Wilson reported the pending Wilky application is being referred to NC Wildlife. They would like to relocate the existing buoy and referenced a fatality in their request. Unapproved buoys by Eddie's need to be removed. Mr. Beroth reported an application has been reviewed and the committee does not recommend approval as there are currently 2 existing buoys and the area does not meet the no wake zone requirement. Referred applicants to law enforcement to manage the lake traffic and any violations.

### **Applications**

**No-Wake Buoy Requests – See comments above**

**Rafting Applications - None**

**Charter Boat Applications - None**

### **Variances**

- None

### **Permits**

- None

### **FERC Applications**

- Duke presented notice of utilities for the widening of Hwy 150. The commission has no added comments or recommendations.

### **Administrative Matters**

- Government and Legislative Committee being created with John Johnson as the Chair. Work with appropriate agencies regarding all government and legislative issues on the lake. A sign-up sheet will be available after the meeting for anyone interested in serving on the committee.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm. Our next meeting will be April 8, 2025.

## Executive Director Comments

**March 10, 2025**

- Public meetings were held to review the highlights of the draft 2025 **Duke Shoreline Management Plan** here a week ago tonight here. Duke will let us know the next steps.
- We met with the Department of Environmental Quality Aquatic Weed Management program managers to review their annual plan last week. Details will be in the Environmental Committee report
- The House Bill to get our Commission Legislation codified which we worked on with the General Statutes Commission over the last couple years was submitted last week. Unfortunately, at the last minute, Senator Sawyer, who has been a long time supporter of the LNMC, had our portion of the bill removed. A citizens group had started working on a draft bill to replace the current Marine Commission and she thought any new bill would conflict. This was very unfortunate. **This Commission's key need is to make enforcement of our regulations**, in particular the Charter and Rental regulations, easier for our law enforcement partners. Obtaining GS numbers was a step in that direction. These regs are fully enforceable as is and we will work with the counties to determine the best way to stop the blatant illegal activities on the lake.
- On a positive note, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission approved amendments to Rule 15A NCAC 10F .0307 for Lake Norman at their February meeting. This basically incorporated the key points from our Rental Boat regulation. The requirements for vessel liveries on the lake became effective March 1, 2025. "Codifying vessel livery safety requirements in Rule will clarify standards for livery companies, facilitate and streamline enforcement activities, and improve public safety. "
- We encourage you to check our website LNMC.org where several items have been added recently

- o The 2024 Lake Norman Aquatic Vegetation Survey Report
- o The Riverkeeper's State of the River Presentation which was presented at our last meeting
- o Our LNMC second quarter activity report



**Report from USCG Auxiliary for Lake Norman Marine Commission March 10, 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.

<b>USCG Auxiliary Lake Norman Flotilla Activities 2025</b>	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>2025 Total As Of 3/5/2025</b>
On-Water Patrols Count*	0
On-Water Patrols Hours*	0
Public Education Classes***	1
Public Education Enrollees	5
Vessel Safety Checks Completed**	4
* 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. A boating season kickoff event is scheduled at Blythe Landing for May 17 sponsored by CPD Lake Patrol and USCG Auxiliary. The CG Auxiliary may have a grand opening ceremony for the VHF marine radio station (station call sign is "USCG Auxiliary Blythe Landing Radio").
2. CG Auxiliary plans to participate in the annual joint law enforcement / first responder training planned for April.
3. A Boat America Boating Safety Class is scheduled for March 15 at the Denver Fire Dept. The class is full with 25 students.

End of Report.