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LNMC MINUTES

**April 14, 2025
Charles Mack Center
Mooresville, NC**

Lake Norman Marine Commissioners:

Chris Uzzolina	Chairman (Absent)
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 Commissioner Johnson 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 March 10, 2025 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Frank. 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

Sgt Church with Lake Patrol reported March and April have been busy. The interagency training event took place the first part of April and was a great way to kick off the season. Introduced to new technology and able to use during training. Disabled Vet event coming up this Thursday. 1300 security checks in and around the lake. This increases law enforcement presence and allows opportunity to interact with the community. 48 traffic stops. A couple of property damage reports. 12 community meetings. 8 navigational hazards removed. Keep your eye out for the Citizens Academy in Iredell County. Spoke with a youth group for teenage boys and their moms that is community service oriented.

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. Currently in the middle of turkey season, but will be gearing up for the lake season soon.

Duke Energy

Chad Broadway reported a boat was finally located in 94' of water and raised from the lake bottom on 4/4/25. The recreational level will be 97.5 while work continues on Mt. Island. Currently at 97.6. SMP has a meeting on 4/28/25 and the marine commission is invited to work on language revisions. Stumpy Creek access area renovations have been completed and pending county inspection. Ramsey Creek access area has new boat ramps. Lyle Creek Park in partnership with Duke Energy and Catawba County. Beatties Ford Park renovations have been completed and is due for inspections. In the process of reviewing the 10 year recreation study. Survey available by QR Code at the access areas.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26

Steve Riggins – Report Attached

Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.

Gregory Clemmer reported the Joshua Murry center is up and running at Blythe Landing. This coming weekend kicks off the boating season. Enforcing no charters from the Meck Co boat ramps. Cameras will be onsite. Looking for a safe and orderly season. More information available on the website. There will be strong alcohol enforcement presence when leaving the public access points.

Catawba Riverkeepers

Brandon Jones – No Report

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

Dave Ferguson – No Report

NC Wildlife Federation

Billy Wilson reported very busy season all ready. Annual Earth Day celebration was this past Saturday. Awaiting final fundraising numbers. April 26th hosting 2nd annual clean and green event – both land and water clean-up. 2 trees donated for every 25 lbs of trash collected. Staging at Safe Harbor. Patriot Pier, dedicated to veterans in Ramsey Park. Lancaster Dock is fully donating the extension to the pier in final permitting phase. Osprey Cam installed 7 years ago has had 15million views from around the world. The batteries died in year 6 and those have been replaced. Recently converted to cellular and now running flawlessly since going back on line. www.Lnwc.org. Participated in the water management group summit held in early April. Planning to expand the island habitat program. Will allow for more than one adopter per island. County coordinators will be put in place. Need someone for Lincoln County. Incorporating island ambassadors. This program will relaunch before the first of June.

Comments from the Public:

- Patrick – 2 suggestions. 1) Commission consider an official/public guidance of the Catawba Queen and Lady of the Lake. Concern for environmental impact. 2) What can be done to prevent a recurrence?

Committee Reports:**ATON Committee**

Assistant Director John Gerke – Report attached

Environmental/Hydrilla Committee

Committee Chairman Bob VanDolah reported starting the 2nd year of treatment for Lyngbya. The committee has gone from treating 10 acres to treating 25 acres. It has expanded further north. It is an invasive species that will continue to be a problem and we're working hard to manage it with the assistance of all of the counties. Working on joint effort to treat hydrilla chemically and stock additional grass carp.

Boater Education/Communication

Commissioner Konieczny reported a collection of information regarding lake safety, etc. All of the information has been organized into a binder. The binder is available for review and feedback is welcome if you find something omitted.

Charter Boat/Rental Boat Committee

Commissioner Frank reported nothing new for the rental boats. Received 2 new applications. In the process of updating the inspection process for charter boats as there are a variety of vessels used for charters. Working with Steve Riggins to appropriately have inspection guidelines to roll out for the 2026 boating season.

Rafting Committee

Commissioner Konieczny – No Report

No Wake Buoys

Commissioner Wilson reported pending the Wilkie application to relocate an existing buoy off of John Conner at the Peninsula. The application has been referred to NC Wildlife and the results are expected by the May meeting. When resources are available NC Wildlife will continue to support the removal of illegal buoys.

Government & Legislative Liaison

Commissioner Johnson reported continue moving forward to update 1969 legislation. A meeting of stakeholders was held on 4/4/25. Discussed comments to date with a few comments are pending. Currently the marine commission has jurisdiction 1 mile inland. Available for public comment on the website. The next meeting will be April 25th virtually using Microsoft Teams. Sign up available at tonight's meeting. The goal is to make the regulations enforceable. The only requirement to participate is to be a resident of NC.

Applications

No-Wake Buoy Requests – None

Rafting Applications - None

Charter Boat Applications - None

Variances

- None

Permits

- None

FERC Applications

- NCDOT Boater Safety Plan for substructure repairs on Bridges 6 and 7 over the Catawba River – Only comment is the request they use red and green markers. Commissioner Frank made a

motion to approve and Commissioner Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

- Third Quarter financial review

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Our next meeting will be May 12, 2025.

