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LNMC MINUTES

**April 11, 2022
Charles Mack Center
 Mooresville, NC**

Lake Norman Marine Commissioners:

Dennis Eddinger	Chairman
David Scott	Catawba County
Rick Howard	Iredell County
Christopher Uzzolina	Lincoln County
Robby Maschhaupt	Mecklenburg County

Staff:

Morris Sample	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 Eddinger 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 14, 2022 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Uzzolina. Approval of the minutes as presented were passed unanimously.

Reports – LNMC Executive Director

Executive Director Morris Sample reported the following items:

- With the receipt of the state grant funds, the Commission has started to implement the plans for using these funds
 - PFD's to be distributed to law enforcement to give to boaters who need this equipment have been ordered and will be distributed soon
 - The high intensity lights for channel markers has been placed and lights will be installed over the summer.
- Duke has announced that the lake level during the summer will be maintained around 97.5 due to continuing work on the Mountain Island reservoir.
- As lake traffic and recreational use begins to increase, remember that the leading cause of death on the lake is drowning. Many times, the victims did not wear a PFD during water activities. Water temperature is still around 60 deg and this can cause physical impairments for people that are submerged in the cold water.

Cornelius Police Department

Sargent Figaro reported Officers responded to 23 calls for service during the month of March. These calls for service were on the lake only. The most calls for service were received on Sundays and Thursdays. Calls for service were most often reported between the hours of **12:00pm –6:00pm**. The average response time to all calls for service was **8.66 minutes**. The average response time to citizen generated calls was **9.94 minutes**. Officers self-initiated 464 zone checks. There was 1 vessel stop/warning for bow-riding. Lake Officers conducted 13 Community involvement activities.

- While at dock, a 36 foot boat sunk during a storm. All of the vessel's fluids stayed within the boat's hull and the boat was raised the same day by "Towboat USA".
- Catamaran flipped over, there were no injuries and the boat was secured to a dock for the owner to recover.
- Trespasser at the water intake at Blythe Landing. A male refused to leave after being advised to do so by a Water Department employee. The subject was located and trespass paperwork completed.
- A full dock had broken loose from an area under construction and beached in-between two docks across the cove. Lake Officers were able to run a heavy rope from the dock to a tree on the shore to secure it. "Lancaster's Dock and Dredge" came out the next day to recover the dock.
- Saturday, April 16th is media day for lake information and to develop relationships.

Iredell County Sheriff

Deputy Church reported 46 calls for service. 1400 security checks. Education is goal when stopping a boat but take action when needed. Attended 7 community meetings. Assisted 3 vessels. Boat accident in Hager's Creek area involving a pontoon and pwc resulting in a fatality. Wildlife jurisdiction so they are investigating further.

Catawba County Lake Patrol

No Report

Lincoln County Lake Patrol

No Report

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Sargant Ron Robertson - No Report

Reports – Lake Issues

Duke Energy

Chad Broadway reported target rec level is 97.5 and currently at target. With high winds and lake levels rising increase in loose floatation. Rely on law enforcement to help move/relocate.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26

Steve Riggins reported 1 vessel safety check and no on the water hours for 2022. On the water activities are typically conducted from April 1 – October 30 each year.

1. One of the Lake Norman flotillas will conduct Boat America in-person classes at the Denver, NC Fire Dept. on the following dates: April 23 (28 students registered) June 25 Aug 27 Oct 29
2. The USCG Auxiliary will participate in the CPD Lake Patrol Media day April 16, 2022.
3. The USCG Auxiliary will participate as target/training vessels in the Lake Norman Law Enforcement training scheduled for May 4-6, 2022.
4. CG Auxiliary Patrol Season commenced on 4/1/2022.

Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.

No Report

Catawba Riverkeepers

Brandon Jones reported swim guides will begin May 26th in preparation of the holiday weekend. Looking for volunteer captains as back-ups. Fuel will be reimbursed.

Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge

Dave Ferguson reported samples were taken March 21st. Very clean water with excellent readings. 14' of water clarity. Lake Cornelius is smaller and more stagnant and usually has a lower score. Lake Davidson moves a little more and has better numbers. Summer bacteria monitoring will begin May 2nd including the twice per week swim beach at Ramsey Creek. The YMCA at Lake Cornelius is also tested twice per week.

Comments from the Public:

- 2022 Cal Tri Charlotte to be held 9/25/22 to be held around the Lake Norman State Park. Review of the timeline and course map. Further details at www.californiatriathlon.org Approximately 250 participants.
- Eric Stevenson – May 14th Warriors Charity Run will have 5 stops around Lake Norman with anchored boats. Participants will collect wrist bands. Shotgun start at 10:00am and ends at 12:00pm, Money raised for Levine.

Committee Reports:

ATON Committee

Executive Director Morris reported the following since last meeting:

- Hwy 150 Bridge near Lake Norman Marina has a bridge buoy that needs repositioning
- Shoal signs that are faded will be replaced.
- Installation of high intensity lights for channel markers will begin soon

Commissioner Uzzolina is concerned about marker's submerged with no lights near Hwy 150. Lancaster's Custom Dock has been contracted and that buoys have been ordered. Executive Director Sample said the permit can be suspended and the buoys removed or revoked and they would have to refile to have them replaced. They have exceeded the time limit in the letter. Commissioner Uzzolina made a motion to suspend their permit and they have to remove or install properly within 15 days. If they aren't removed/replaced the commission will remove and bill the owner. Commissioner Maschhaupt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Committee

Executive Morris Sample reported 750 grass carp stocking will occur around the end of April or first of May. They will be discharged at either Ramsey Creek or Blythe Landing.

Boater Education/Communication

Commissioner Scott reported tri-fold brochures and business cards are available. Requested the commissioners to go to area dealers, restaurants, places of business, etc. to drop off brochures/business cards and check interest for distributing. Boat and home rental contacts are welcome. 48-50 rental houses in the Mooresville area already have 1300 reservations for the summer. Commissioner Howard recommended involving the media. It will be promoted at the media day.

Charter Boat Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina reported the charter boat meeting was held last week. Everyone has filed paperwork properly. Commissioner Uzzolina made a motion to approve the following charter boat permits: Carolina Tiki, Carolina Grace, Catawba Queen, Lady of the Lake. Commissioner Scott seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

No Wake Buoys

Commissioner Howard no applications and the meeting with Sargent Myer is pending. The application is on the website at lnmc.org.

Rafting Committee

Commissioner Maschhaupt - No report

Applications

No-Wake Buoy Requests

- None

Rafting Applications

- None

Charter Boat Applications

- None

Variances

- None

PERMITS

- None

FERC Applications

- Lake Norman Woods Marina – likely approved in the past (30 years ago) and no documentation can be located. Duke Energy is renewing their lease and they are asking for commission approval for lease renewal. Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve. Chairman Eddinger seconded. The motion passed 3 to 2.

Administrative Matters

- 3rd Quarter Financial Statement – Executive Sample presented the financials. Currently under budget approximately \$9000. Adjustments will be made around the end of May and no reserves should need to be used this fiscal year.
- Policy for Expenditures of State Funds has been sent to the commissioners. Commissioner Howard made a motion to approve the policy. Commissioner Uzzolina seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

Our next meeting will be May 9, 2022