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MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 2004 MOORESVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Lake Norman Marine Commissioners Attending

Randy Reece Iredell County
Terry Davis Mecklenburg County
Earl Kiser Catawba County

Staff Present

Bob Elliott Gus Gustafson Beth Wallace

Minutes

Commissioners Kiser made a motion to approve the August 9, 2004 minutes. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Reports - Enforcement

Charlotte Mecklenburg Lake Patrol

Officer Lambert reported 44 total calls for service, 27 boats inspected, 2 boats assisted, 14 citations issued, 6 boaters warned, 1 navigational hazard removed, 5 crime prevention programs, \$6,000 in recovered property value, 2 BWI arrests, 66 training hours, and 1 medical call.

Cornelius Police Department

No report

Iredell County Sheriff

Deputy Jones reported 4 arrests, 16 citations issued, 1 alcohol violation, 44 warnings, 2 accidents, 38 totals calls for service, 108 total manhours, 64 vessels inspected, and 14 vessels assisted.

Catawba County Sheriff

Officer Al Minton reported 115 hours patrolled land, 93 hours patrolled water, 211 training hours, 455 total man hours, 271 property checks, 137 community contacts, 31 boats inspected, 19 PWC's inspected, 9 warnings, 10 hard citations, 4 vessels assisted, 3 navigational hazards removed, and 153 total calls for service.

Lincoln County

Summary in October Minutes.

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Summary in October Minutes.

Reports – Lake Issues

Duke Power

Ms. Duncan reported that the lake level was 98.1.

Power Squadron

No report

Coast Guard Auxiliary – Division 17

No report

Coast Guard Auxiliary – Flotilla 18-1

Jim Kiser reported 12 patrol hours and 33 total man hours.

Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation

Mr. Applewhite raised the issues of whether kite-boarding is allowed on Lake Norman. He was advised that it was.

Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge

Mecklenburg County Water Quality

Dave Caldwell reported that the bacteriological sites were low on recent readings. Regarding the recent striper fish kill he reported that nothing obvious was learned when looking at the historical data and comparing oxygen and temperature relationships. He passed out water quality conditions charts comparing July data from 1997 to date.

Lake Norman Lakekeepers

No report

Adopt-an-Island

Pam Carter handed out reports that reported 55 man hours and 2,280 pounds of trash collected.

Comments from the public

Ada Nicolae reported that she has been in touch with a Mecklenburg County Commissioner regarding boating under the influence. She has also requested charitable contributions from the D5 community to LNMC. She encourages others to talk to local governments to increase funding to law enforcement to help on the lakes and in the general areas. As the area grows, so do the law enforcement needs, she said.

Bob Elliott presented Commissioner Reece with a plaque and a thank you for his service since 1999, notably his work with Hydrilla, Rafting, and Administrative Cost Reduction. Chairman Reece noted that one of his proudest accomplishments was changing the administrative duties to redirect monies to navigational aids. He also advised that the LNMC was proposing the formation of an Advisory Council with representatives from each of the four counties that would meet four times per year. He would Chair this Council as the outgoing LNMC Chairman. He thanked county commissioners for their help, notably Sara Haire Tice of Iredell, Jim Puckett of Mecklenburg, and Barbara Beatty of Catawba.

Bob Elliott explained how LNMC's budget is contributed to equally by all four counties, with the county offering the lowest amount being the most the other counties can contribute. He reported that 2 counties have not agreed to the LNMC requested amount as of yet but were considering.

Committee Reports

A. Preservation & Safety

- **1. Hydrilla -** Bob Elliott reported that the Hydrilla Committee met last Friday and went over proposed regulations on Grass Carp, with minor changes being made. Mr. Elliott also reported that Wildlife has submitted changes to state law that puts Lake Norman's Grass Carp Regulations into law next year, on July 1st. He also explained that there is an analysis taking place by Duke Power to determine how many acres currently have hydrilla in order to determine how many carp to put in next April/May.
- 2. Grass Carp Regulations Commissioner Davis made a motion to open a public hearing on a proposal to adopt "Regulations Prohibiting the Possession of Grass Carp on Lake Norman". Commissioner Kiser seconded. There were no comments. A motion was made to close by Commissioner Davis, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kiser. A motion was then made by Commissioner Davis to approve the proposed Regulation, it was seconded by Commissioner Kiser and the motion was passed.
- **3. Cost Summary** Mr. Elliott reported that LNMC has had no additional donations.
- **4. Adopt a Carp** Matt Myers of Bedford Falls summarized a proposal to raise money for the Hydrilla Program. This will involve working to get in schools around Lake Norman to teach the children about this program, thereby reaching their parents. It was agreed that the program would be supported by the LNMC. This effort is also being supported by the Lake Preservation Committees of both the Lake Norman and South Iredell Chambers of Commerce.
- **5.** Rafting Chairman Reece reported misunderstandings regarding distances that seem to be working themselves out. Also mentioned that LNMC is considering language changes to rafting ordinance over the winter and spring, prior to the next boating season.
- **6. Administrative** Mr. Elliott reported that Commissioner Kiser is going to be Chairman of the Navigational Aid Maintenance Committee and has plans that he has been working with Mr. Mark Mozley of Mozley Construction on to computerize inventory controls.

B. Adopt-A-Nav-Aid program – no changes

C. Fish Kill Letter to North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

1. Commissioner Kiser made a motion to approve LNMC sending a letter to them, Davis seconded.

Applications

A. FERC Application for Davidson Pointe and Davidson Estates

1. Buzz Cobb reported that Davidson Pointe has realized there is no place to launch a boat and has requested a boat ramp. Commissioner Davis responded that there is a need to delay approving application until boat ramp issue is resolved and defining where the parking area will be located. Mr. Cobb agreed to put a 10hp limit on drawing before next meeting. Both applications were tabled until the October meeting.

B. FERC Application for ARCADIS

1. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve. Commissioner Kiser seconded. The motion was passed.

Administrative Matters – Commission Davis made a motion to elect Rob Digh as Chairman of the Lake Norman Marine Commission for 2004-2005. Commissioner Kiser seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Commissioner Kiser nominated Commissioner Davis as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Commissioner Kiser nominated Davis as Treasurer. Davis seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Chairman Reece reported that tonight is the last evening at the Mooresville location for 18 months and mentioned that everyone will be notified about the location of future meetings.

Chairman Reece recognized and thanked in his absence Mark Lancaster for getting him involved with LNMC and for his help and advice. Chairman Reece also recognized Sara Haire Tice, Duke Power, Jim Puckett and other LNMC supporters and volunteers for their efforts. He gave a big thanks to Bob Elliott for giving his time for particular important causes, and emphasized that Mr. Elliott has been a backbone of of the Lake Norman Marine Commission for years and wished him and everyone "a fair wind and a following sea".

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kiser seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Wallace