

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**May 24, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

**Red Fez Club
16,600 Red Fez Club Rd
Charlotte, NC**

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Terry Everhart (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Ron Wanless (York County), Commissioner Phil Land (York County), Secretary Treasurer Vernon Peers (York County), Chair Smitty Hanks (Gaston County), Commissioner Howard Virkler (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Bill Campbell (Gaston County)

LWMC Staff Present: Joe Stowe, Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel, Annette Demeny, Commission Clerk

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.	
Approve Minutes – April 26, 2010	The minutes from April 26, 2010 were approved.	Commissioner Wanless made a motion to approve the April 26, 2010 meeting minutes. Seconded by Secretary Treasurer Peers. The motion was approved.
Approval of the May 24, 2010 Meeting Agenda	The May 24, 2010 meeting agenda with the following revision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move Item IX (Clean Marina Award Presentation) to Item VII 	A motion was made by Commissioner Wanless to approve

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		the May 24, 2010 Agenda. Seconded by Vice Chairman Everhart. The motion was approved.
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda – None	
Public Comments	Public Comments – None	
Introduction and Award Presentation of Clean Marina Recipients	<p>Introduction and Award Presentation of Clean Marina Recipients – Commissioner Bill Campbell introduced recipients and presented awards</p> <p>The Clean Marina Program is a voluntary program for Lake Wylie Marinas to encourage marina operators and recreational boaters to protect the lake’s water quality by practicing environmentally sound operating and maintenance procedures to reduce or prevent pollution of the water. The Lake Wylie Clean Marina Program is modeled after a national program developed by the National Marine Environmental Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works to keep waterways clean for a healthy environment and better recreational boating. Marina operators who choose to participate must complete an evaluation form about their use of specific best management practices. These criteria include; sewage management, fuel control, solid waste, petroleum recycling and disposal, vessel operation, maintenance and repair. The following marinas have met these criteria and were presented with a Clean Marina flag and certificate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tega Cay Marina – Owner: Durran Coley • Commodore Yacht Club – Owner: Durran Coley • Lake Club - Owner: Durran Coley • River Hills Marina: Owner: Chip Krell <p>River Hills is one (1) of two (2) marinas in South Carolina that meets Federal Standards.</p> <p>Kim Rusch, designer of the Clean Marina flag was introduced. Thanks for all of your help in creating a beautiful flag for these marinas to display at their facilities!</p>	

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Stakeholder Reports	<p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report – Vice Chairman Everhart reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (March - April Report) • (114) Calls for Service • (8) Boats Inspected • (2) Navigational Hazards Removed • Worked on Sea Ark and boathouse • SPLASH – spoke to Daisy Scouts at Philadelphia UMC in Fort Mill. The topic was about respecting authority and water safety. <p>Gaston County Police Department - Officer Hamrick reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working weekends only <p>York County Sheriff's Office – Sgt Brent Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be on the water beginning next Monday • Thanked the Commission for their efforts at the Law Enforcement Open House • Over Memorial Holiday weekend, York County will have an unmarked boat trying to target underage drinking. The purpose of this boat is to observe, not to stop boats. If a suspicious boater is seen, they will be called in to the lake enforcement officers. <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources – No one was present to give report</p> <p>Tega Cay Police Department – No one was present to give report</p> <p>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources – Officer Ferrell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BE SAFE PATROL – undercover officers will be in kayaks over the Memorial Weekend. • Officer Ferrell brought to Duke Energy's attention of the danger of the swing at Big Allison Creek. Duke Energy's Kermitt Taylor replied that they have cut this swing down several times but people put it right back up. If they are caught actually swimming in the access area, SCDNR could issue citations. Mr. Taylor stated that a representative from Duke Energy would be happy to go to court to support the citation. 	

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Stakeholder Reports (cont.)	Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – No one was present to give report	
Stakeholders Reports (continued)	<p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Ronnie Lawson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake level – 97 (target is 97’) <p>Lake Wylie Lakekeeper – No one was present to give report</p> <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – No one was present to give a report</p>	
Request for Approval	<p>Request for Approval</p> <p>Installation of Underground Fiber Cable on the West Side of SC Hwy 274 Bridge – Buddy Mauney with Pike Electric presented request to the Commission</p> <p>Time Warner Cable proposes to install a new underground fiber cable by directional bore method crossing under Lake Wylie in York County, SC. The proposed directional bore depth under the lakebed is to be a minimum of 10 feet. The bore pit locations for the entrance and exit of the bore are to be external to the FERC Project Boundary of Lake Wylie, and also the 50 buffer zone. The installation is to ensure service reliability to new commercial and residential developments in the area adjacent to SC Hwy 274, Hwy 557 and Hwy 49.</p> <p>Commissioner Wanless is concerned that any future dredging in that area would disrupt the cable. He asked if Time Warner Cable ever considered going above the ground in lieu of under the lake bed. Mr. Mauney to bring these concerns and questions to Time Warner Cable and report back to the Commission at the June meeting.</p> <p>Nivens Creek No Wake Zone – Michael Goodnight presented the proposed request</p> <p>At the Nivens Creek boat access, there is currently a No Wake Zone in place. Mr. Goodnight is requesting to extend this zone due to increase in boat traffic. Weekends are especially bad because of the increase of boaters using the access. The problem comes from boaters disregarding the No Wake buoys located at the ramps. Boaters pulling skiers, wakeboarders, tubing, and bass fishermen speed through this area at all times. An actual</p>	

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Request for Approval (continued)	<p>sea plane land in this cove. The wakes left by these boats cause additional damage and maintenance to docks and swim floats. Placing additional buoys on both sides of the landing and increased presence of law enforcement is suggested by Mr. Goodnight. SCDNR Officer Ferrell stated that a citation cannot be issued unless the cove is a full No Wake Zone. At this point, SCDNR can only enforce from buoy at boat landing.</p> <p>Commissioner Land will speak with SCDNR about the problem and will submit a request for SCDNR to review site and make their recommendation. Will follow up with Mr. Goodnight and with the Commission once contact has been made with SCDNR.</p>	
Endorsement Letter of ReVenture Project	<p>Endorsement Letter for ReVenture Project – Edna Chirico made this request to the Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed ReVenture Project is a 667-acre Superfund Site along the Catawba River. The Eco-Industrial Park is designed to leverage synergies between sustainable components that include a Biomass power plant, solar fields, incubator labs, wastewater treatment plant and reuse, and R & D facilities. Edna Chirico along with Chris Neaville with Withers & Ravenel Engineering Firm gave a presentation of this new project at the March 2010 LWMC business meeting. They are coming before the Commission requesting a letter of support for this project. • The Commission approved the issue of a letter of support for this project however; the letter is not intended to endorse lake access of any kind at this time. 	<p>A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer Peers to issue a letter of support for the ReVenture Project. Seconded by Vice Chairman Everhart. The motion was approved.</p> <p>Note: this is not a letter of endorsement for lake access of any kind.</p>
Treasurer’s Report	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Secretary Treasurer Peers reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Report - The monthly finance report was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting. There were no questions. 	
Executive Director’s Report	<p>Executive Director’s Report – Executive Director Joe Stowe reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Enforcement Facility Update – Grand Opening was May 7th from 11am – Noon. The Executive Director thanked the law enforcement agencies that were present for their help and efforts at the facility. The open house was a very successful event! Many local elected officials, law enforcement and environmental agencies, and stakeholders were present. 	

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Executive Director's Report (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramp at Law Enforcement Facility is too steep for boats to get in and out of water. An engineer with Duke Energy to visit site to give suggestions. • Riversweep – The Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation has stated that they are expecting up to 1,000+ volunteers to participate at the 2010 Riversweep event. The LWMC is proposing to have a booth at the event to hand out brochures. The Commission will also help organize cleanup efforts from the South Fork to Tail Race Marina. Will need boat captains and public relation volunteers. If anyone knows of a contact to get rubber gloves donated for this event, please contact Joe Stowe. • Collared Shirts for Commissioners – ED Joe Stowe suggested that the Commission research costs involved getting each of the Commissioners a collared shirt with LWMC logo to wear to events in the area. Mr. Stowe to check on pricing and report back at the June meeting. • Grass Carp – A Grass Carp Restock took place in Lake Wylie at 6:30 this morning. <p>Chairman's Report – Chairman Smitty Hanks had no new information to report</p>	
Comments	Comments – None	
Adjournment	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55. pm	A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer Peers to adjourn the May 24, 2010 business meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wanless. The motion was approved.
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on June 28, 2010 at 7:00 at Belmont City Hall, 115 North Main Street, Belmont, NC.	

Annette Demeny, Commission Clerk