

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**January 6, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

**Cowan's Ford Country Club
761 Club Drive
Stanley, NC**

Minutes - REVISED

Commissioners Present: Chair Pam Beck (Gaston County), Vice Chair Alice Battle (Mecklenburg County), Secretary Treasurer Ann Danzi (Gaston County), Commissioner Skip Hudspeth (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Craig R. Wyant (Lincoln County), Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County)

LWMC Staff Present: Annette Demeny, Executive Administrator, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chair Beck called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.	
Approve Minutes – November 4, 2009	The minutes from November 4, 2009 were approved.	Secretary Treasurer Danzi made a motion to approve the November 4, 2009 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Bishop. The motion was approved.
Approval of the January 6, 2010 Meeting Agenda	The January 6, 2010 meeting agenda was approved.	A motion was made by Vice Chairman Battle to approve the January 6, 2010

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		Agenda. Seconded by Commission Bishop. The motion was approved.
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda – None	
Public Comments	Public Comments – None	
Stakeholder Reports	<p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept Report – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (30) Zone Checks: 18 at Neck Rd and 12 at Latta Plantation • Found a barge (pile driver) at Garr Creek. Cannot identify owner. <p>Gaston County Sheriff's Office – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCPD is off the lake except on an as needed basis • Requested that the Commission support his effort to attend the 2010 International Boating and Water Safety Summit on March 28-31 in Daytona Beach Florida. The registration fee is \$395.00. Commission approved to pay the registration fee. <p>Lincoln County Sheriff's Office – No one was present to give report</p> <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources – No one was present to give report</p> <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – No one was present to give report</p> <p>Duke Energy – Kermit Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1) Pier Application Approved – Outlook • Lake Level – 97.2 	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge to fund \$395.00 for Officer Hord's registration to attend the 2010 International Boating and Water Safety Summit on March 28, 2010. Seconded by Vice Chairman Battle. The motion was approved.</p>
Environmental Reports	<p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – Heather Davis reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LUSI (Lake Use Support Index) Results (November 2009) – Supporting+ results for all testing sites except for McDowell Creek (Supporting, 12 month average). • PAM monitoring – focused on McDowell and Gar Creek. McDowell Creek's test results were great however, Gar Creek is still resulting in high nutrients and high 	

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Environmental Reports (continued)	<p>chlorophyll was found in this site. Most likely due to agriculture dumping. Will continue to monitor this area.</p> <p>Legal Counsel, Chris Clark stated that development is a broad issue that concerns the Commission. He requested that LUESA provide a report that reflects monitoring results from years past in addition to presently. Heather Davis will follow up on this request and report back to the Commission.</p> <p>Riverkeeper David Merryman asked how often Duke Energy monitors surface water. Ms. Davis replied that she understands that Duke monitors surface water weekly and heavy metals are tested quarterly.</p> <p>Lakekeepers Report – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC Wildlife Resource Commission, the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission and the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation are coordinating a boating safety course on March 6, 2010 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Mt. Holly Citizens Center, 400 East Central Avenue. The course is free to all participants. • Riverkeeper David Merryman informed the Commission of a 4-year study conducted by EPA that tests lakes nationwide for PCB in fish. Five Large-Mouth Bass and Carp were collected from Lake Norman, Lake Wateree and Mountain Island Lake. The results indicated elevated PCB numbers. Fish in all lakes nationwide had some traces of Mercury. <p>Mountain Island Wildlife Stewards – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be on January 14, 2010 at Cook’s beginning at 7:00 pm. Mark Oliver with Parks and Rec to discuss projects on Mountain Island Lake. <p>Regional Stormwater Partnership – Annette Demyen reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater supplies were distributed to 20 jurisdictions across the region. • Next meeting will be on January 11th to discuss grants and sustainability of the Partnership for next fiscal year. 	
Base Operating Plan	<p>Base Operating Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Fin Award (Beck) – See following Blue Fin Award Presentation 	

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Base Operating Plan (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Management Plan (Battle) – Duke Energy commented on the results from the survey that was distributed in January 2008 to property owners around Mountain Island Lake. Duke feels that there is not enough hard data to support this plan. They suggest that the survey be generated to others such as; visitors to the lake. Vice Chairman Battle will get additional surveys and hand them out at the access areas. Duke also suggested that the Commission include the Mecklenburg Parks and Rec Department and the surrounding jurisdictions in the process of the Lake Management Plan. Battle reviewed police reports for safety data. If damage to boat is less than \$2,000, it's not reported. Battle has met with Barry Gullet of CMUD and Ed Cross with Gastonia Utilities. They are in favor of any action that protects the water supply. They can support the limiting of boat size, but permits are out of their areas of interest. Barry will distribute the Plan to the Water Managers Group, which has representation from the water utilities managers in the Catawba basin. The Plan was distributed to the NW Park District Advisory Council and the Stewardship Advisory Council of Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec. They have “no comment” as there was no perceived direct or quantifiable impact to the resource or the recreational amenities of Mountain Island Lake area nature preserves. 	
Blue Fin Award	<p>Blue Fin Award - This award is presented to an individual or an organization that goes above and beyond to make Mountain Island Lake a cleaner and safer place for us all. This year, the 2009 Blue Fin Award was presented to Sgt Charles McCants with the Gaston County Police Department. Sgt McCants through his proactive command and directives has had a positive impact on Mountain Island Lake. He identified a language barrier within the Hispanic community and resolved this by translating the No Trespassing brochures into Spanish. He also proactively addressed parking problems at Riverbend Access. Congratulations Sgt Charles McCants!</p>	
Chairman's Report	Chairman's Report – None	
Executive Administrator's Report	<p>Executive Administrator's Report – Executive Administrator Annette Demeny reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Report – the Finance Report was provided to the Commissioner's prior to the business meeting. There were no questions regarding this information. 	

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Commission Counsel Report	Commission Counsel Report – No Report	
Comments	Comments - None	
Adjournment	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm	A motion was made by Vice Chairman Battle to adjourn the January 6, 2010 business meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hudspeth. The motion was approved.
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on February 3, 2010 beginning at 6:30pm at Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities, 5100 Brookshire Blvd, Charlotte, NC.	

Annette Demeny, Executive Administrator