

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**April 24, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

**River Hills Community Association
102 Hamilton Ferry Road
Lake Wylie, SC**

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Chairman Joe Stowe (Gaston County), Commissioner Don Cloninger (York County), Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Bo Ibach (Mecklenburg County), Vice Chairman Ron Montgomery (York County), Commissioner Dave Cully (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Billy McLean (Gaston County)

LWMC Staff Present: Mike McLaurin, Executive Director, Annette Lawing, Clerk

LWMC Staff Absent: Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Joe Stowe called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.	
Approve Minutes – March 27, 2006	The minutes from the March 27, 2006 meeting were approved	A motion was made by Cully to approve the March 27, 2006 LWMC meeting minutes. Seconded by DuPuy. The motion was approved.

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Consent Agenda	<p><i>Request for approval of a 8” waterline along Windy Gap Road in Mecklenburg County</i> Chairman Stowe stated that the Commission had reviewed this request at the March 27, 2006 business meeting and had no objections. There was no record of the Marine Commission voting to approve the waterline and the Executive Director is requesting a confirmation on the approval.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Cully to confirm approval of an 8” waterline along Windy Gap Road in Mecklenburg County. Seconded by Sec/Tres. DuPuy. The motion was approved.</p>
Public Comments	<p>No public comments</p>	
County Reports	<p><i>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report</i> – Officer Everhart reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not much activity at this time • Preparing for busy boating season • Officer Everhart will be attending the International Boating and Water Safety Summit from April 30 – May 3 in Palm Harbor, FL <p><i>SPLASH</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report <p><i>Gaston County Police Department</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning to work weekends on the lake • Have two (2) jet skis that will assist in patrolling • New members have joined the department <p><i>York County Sheriff’s Office</i> – Deputy Ware reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have two (2) boats and two (2) jet skis • DARE Officers will be able to get back on the lake once school’s out. • Will begin working weekends in about 30 days • <p><i>N.C. Wildlife Resources</i> – Sgt. Rowell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued two (2) citations, one (1) boating accident 	

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<p>County Reports (Continued)</p>	<p><i>Tega Cay Police Department</i> – No Report</p> <p><i>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources</i> – Sergeant Todd Campbell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) boating accidents • Sgt Campbell distributed flyers to the commission inviting everyone to attend the Youth Fishing Rodeo and Jakes Event on May 13, from 8:00am – 12:00pm at Draper WMA. • Introduced new SC DNR officer Dwayne Rogers. Officer Rogers had worked as a police officer on the Catawba Nation and Fort Mill Police Department. He is very knowledgeable of the lake. • Sgt Campbell stated that there are no areas to store patrol boats in the water (on the SC side). Sgt Campbell lives 20 minutes from the lake making it difficult to get to there in a timely fashion and then having to load boat in water just increases response time. The future Law Enforcement Facility will cut down on this response time. SCDNR would like to have a ramp and a place to store patrol boat at this facility, if possible. <p><i>Duke Energy of the Carolinas</i> – Mallory Liles reported for Duke Energy of the Carolinas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Pier Approvals • 3 Stabilizations • Lease for Law Enforcement Facility – Kelvin Reagan has the final version of the lease and it will be reviewed one last time before forwarding it on. • Chairman Stowe asked Mallory if a permit is required when doing repair work or rebuilding a floating dock? Mallory replied that yes, a permit is required if you are rebuilding or doing substantial repairs to a deck. <p><i>Lake Wylie Covekeepers</i> – Steve Johnson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 9 new Covekeepers that will now assume new responsibilities for patrolling the waters and inland construction sites of the watershed. All but one, however are from York County. The CoveKeepers are in need of volunteers from Gaston and Mecklenburg counties. • The Covekeepers have had reports of dumping near a wetland near Rock Hill and will forward the information to Mike McLaurin who will relay to the proper organizations. 	

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County Reports (Continued)	<p><i>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</i> – Woody Woodward reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB Harrison with SCDNR has been conducting “Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs” training for staff. Parks and Rec plan to help SCDNR at their upcoming Youth Fishing Rodeo. • Hosted the 2nd Annual Kayak/Water Polo tournament. 60 players participated. • Will have family fishing programs and camping programs this summer • Campground was full to capacity over Easter weekend 	
Request for Comments and Approvals	<p><i>Request to Confirm Marine Commissions Position on the Replacement of Docks at Reflection Point</i>– Executive Director Mike McLaurin reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LWMC approved the replacement of docks at Reflection Point in 2005. Since then, some of the information in the original plan was in error. Therefore, the docks have been redefined. The Commission needs to reconfirm their position with these revisions • Vice-Chairman Ron Montgomery added that there will be the same amount of docks, they just won’t go as far out into the cove. Montgomery feels it is the same amount of acreage and actually a safer job from what was approved previously <p><i>Request by PSNC Energy for Comments Regarding Their Proposal to Install a Natural Gas Line Under The South Fork River</i> – Billy Rice with PSNC Energy reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a natural gas line hanging on the old bridge at Hwy 74 and South Fork River. Within the next 5 – 6 years this bridge will be replaced therefore, this gas line will need to be replaced. • PSNC has purchased a right-of-way and are proposing to run the gas line approximately 300’ north of the bridge. This line will be 38’ under the riverbed of the South Fork River. PSNC Energy needs the approval of the LWMC to install this gas line. 	<p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Montgomery that the LWMC approve the new design of the replacement docks at Reflection Point. Seconded by Commissioner Cully. The motion was approved.</p> <p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Montgomery that the LWMC approve the installation of a natural gas line under the South Fork River. The motion was approved.</p>
Update on the Current Drought	<p><i>Update on the Current Drought</i> – Chairman Joe Stowe reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That at the Bi-State River Commission meeting, Donna Lisenby reported that the lake is about to go into a stage one of the drought alert. There are five stages to this drought alert. 	

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Review of the Maine Commission Goals Worksheet and Discussion of Any Revisions Needed	<p><i>Lake Wylie Marine Commission Calendar</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Billy McLean is heading this project to create a LWMC Calendar to distribute throughout Lake Wylie. • The approach will be to contact area businesses for contributions and advertisements • Proceeds from these calendars to go to the Lake Wylie Foundation • Commissioner McLean is contacting Lake Wylie Living magazine to see if they would be interested in donating some of their services towards this calendar • Once Commissioner McLean gathers more information and price quotes, he will report back to the commission to make a final decision if they should follow through with this project • Dave Cully suggested that all of the work be completed by summer. He said that other calendar makers will have created a demand on paper and thus paper options become limited. Also the price increases. <p><i>Other Items</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Stowe suggests that the commission create a Lake Wylie license plate. 	
Finance	<p>Executive Director Mike McLaurin reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed the new Finance and Activity Report • Update on Mecklenburg County's contribution; Mike will have a budget revision report next month (May). Al Sharp of Centralina COG has been appointed to the Mecklenburg County Budget Committee for the upcoming year and is checking on the Marine Commission's 2006-2007 request. • Received a check for \$788 from the State of North Carolina for reimbursement of sales tax. 	
Other Business	<p><i>Chairman's Report-</i> Chairman Joe Stowe reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-State Catawba River Commission Meeting met on April 21st. Some of the topics discussed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Overview of six (6) other river basins commissions. They do the same work that the Catawba River Commission plans to do. Foundations fund some of these. This review was helpful to the Commission members. 	

<p>Other Business (Continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposed surface water permitting legislation in South Carolina. There are currently three laws on the books; IBT law, surface water transfer act, and drought act. South Carolina is behind North Carolina in coordinating laws, patrolling, and having jurisdictions that stands up in a court of law when people ask for permits to draw water out of the lake. The goal of the Bi-State Commission is to combine NC and SC laws so there will be a uniform standard of laws and permitting. ➤ NC Statues pertaining to the surface water permitting – John Morris with NC Water Resources gave a report from the 1967 Water Use Act and stated that the Environmental Management Commission is the agency that will set the standards and gives permission to draw water out of lakes. ➤ SCDNR State Water Plan and Hydro Power Relicensing in the Catawba Wateree Basin – Duke Power reported on the process of Duke approaching Reliencing and the effects of transfers and permits that have been previously issued as well as environmental impacts and water quality. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBT Update – At the March meeting of the Water Advisory Board, Concord/Kannapolis stated that they were working on a final draft of the IBT and should be ready in 30 days. After those 30 days, there will be public meetings for 60 days. Executive Director, Mike McLaurin was asked to research where these public meetings are going to be held and report back to the Commission. Chairman Stowe encourages the commissioners to attend the meetings. <p><i>Executive Director’s Report</i> – Executive Director Mike McLaurin reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request Commission Action to Schedule a Public Hearing on the 2006-2007 Budget to be Held at the May Meeting <p><i>Commissioner’s Comments</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chairman Ron Montgomery reported that Duke Power has issued a 0 on the drought alert scale. The lake is real close to going into rank of 1. • Vice-Chairman Ron Montgomery confirmed that the LWMC signed the AIP at the ranking of a 2. The final agreement will be issued in May and the final signing will be in July. 	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner McLean to hold a public hearing at the LWMC May 22, 2006 meeting on the 2006-2007 Budget Ordinance. Seconded by Vice Chairman Montgomery. The motion was approved.</p>
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Public Comments	<p><i>No – Wake Zone at Little Allison Creek</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former LWMC Commissioner Russ Frase highlighted to the commission a study done by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources that was conducted by in the 1980’s. This study compares boating and water skiing to soil erosion. Mr. Frase wants the commission to know there are studies out there showing the impact that boating and water skiing does to the shoreline. He also showed concerned about the recreational watercrafts that are out on the lake and going at high rates of speed. <p><i>Commissioner Comments</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Cully wanted an update on the status of the Fireworks project. Chairman Stowe stated that he has had a very hard time getting information from the Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce regarding potential sponsorships. Stowe said that he and other commissioners had attended several meetings in which they offered to provide assistance. Stowe said that one strategy he would like to see was to approach several large donors to help underwrite the project. • Vice Chairman Montgomery asked NC Wildlife if North Carolina and South Carolina laws are the same in reporting boating accidents? Sgt Rowell replied that yes they are the same. 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.	A motion was made by Vice Chairman Montgomery to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Cully. The motion was approved.
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on May 22, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Red Fez Club, 16,600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte, NC	

Annette Lawing, Marine Commission Clerk

Date