

# Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**April 28, 2008  
7:00 p.m.**

**Camp Thunderbird  
One Thunderbird Lane  
Lake Wylie, SC**

## Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Joe Stowe (Gaston County), Vice Chairman Bo Ibach (Mecklenburg County), Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Smitty Hanks (Gaston County), Commissioner Troy Blackmon (York County),

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Dan Ballou (York County), Commissioner David Cloninger (Gaston County),

**LWMC Staff Present:** Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion Summary</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chairman Joe Stowe called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.	
<b>Approve Minutes – March 24, 2008</b>	The minutes from the March 24, 2008 meeting were approved.	A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ibach to approve the March 24, 2008 meeting minutes. Seconded by Secretary Treasurer DuPuy. The motion was approved.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Consent Agenda - None</b>	

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<b>Public Comments</b>	<b>Public Comments - None</b>	
<b>County Reports</b>	<p><b>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report</b> – Officer Everhart reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Calls for Service (28)</li> <li>➤ Boats Inspected (6)</li> <li>➤ Boats Assisted (1)</li> <li>➤ Boaters Warned (6)</li> <li>➤ Officer Everhart thanked the Commission for their support for his attendance at the 2008 International Water Safety Summit on April 16<sup>th</sup> and distributed pictures and literature that he obtained at the summit.</li> <li>➤ SPLASH – attending May Fest and the SCDNR Fishing Rodeo</li> <li>➤ Reminder: The Regional Water Safety Forum will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Officer Terry Everhart at <a href="mailto:teverhart@cmpd.org">teverhart@cmpd.org</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gaston County Police Department</b> – Officer May reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Will continue to work weekends on the lake throughout the month of May. By the second week in June, the boat should be on the lake full time.</li> </ul> <p><b>York County Sheriff's Office</b> – Sgt. Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The York County Sheriff's Office Lake Patrol Unit will be instructing the South Carolina DNR Boater Education course on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 5pm. The course will be held at the York County Law Enforcement Training Center, 92 Stoneybrook Drive, York, SC. To register, please contact Shea Humphries at 803-628-7634 before June 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>➤ Will have 2 boats and 2 jet skis on the lake for the upcoming boating season.</li> </ul> <p><b>N.C. Wildlife Resources</b> – No one was present to give report</p> <p><b>Tega Cay Police Department</b> – No one was present to give report</p> <p><b>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Plan to be on the lake full time beginning in May.</li> <li>➤ The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Rodeo will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Draper WMA.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>County Reports (continued)</b></p>	<p><b>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA)</b> – No one was present to give report</p> <p><b>Duke Energy of the Carolinas</b> – Ronnie Lawson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Lake level is at 97.8</li> <li>➤ The TUS (Total Usage Storage) is at 76%. This is an increase of 43% from December 12<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>➤ The 6 month average stream flows and the 3 month average of the U.S. Drought Monitoring are slower to recover which explains why we are still in the LIP Stage 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lake Wylie Covekeepers</b> – Ellen reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A new program called Water Watchers has been implemented by the Catawba Riverkeepers and the Lake Wylie Covekeepers. A Water Watcher will be eyes and ears of the river. This role is very similar to a Covekeeper without having to go through the process of certification. To date, there are 20 new recruits for this program.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</b> – No one was present to give report</p>	
<p><b>Request for Comments</b></p>	<p><b>Request for Comments</b></p> <p><b>Permanent Dock Proposal at U.S. National Whitewater Center</b> – No one was present to give report.</p> <p><b>Request for Permanent Staging Site, Riverfront Marina (Follow up)</b> – Larry Harrelson with Rowboat Dock and Dredge presented the request to the commission.</p> <p>At its September 24, 2007 meeting, the Lake Wylie Marine Commission approved a temporary staging site for the Riverfront Marina. Since this approval, Row Dock and Dredge made several revisions to the Riverfront Marina project and is now required to resubmit for FERC approval for this reconfiguration. As a part of this, a request for approval for a permanent staging site in lieu of a temporary one will also be submitted. Larry Harrelson stated that a permanent site is needed because of all of the work being done on Lake Wylie and Row Boat Dock &amp; Dredge desperately needs a staging area even after the Riverfront Marina project is completed. Several Lake Wylie Commissioners</p>	<p>A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer DuPuy to postpone decision for Rowboat Dock and Dredges' request for permanent staging site at Riverfront Marina until a letter is generated from</p>

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<b>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet</b>	<p><b>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Project E-1, Concord/Kannapolis IBT</b> (Stowe/DuPuy) - Recently, Senator Fletcher Hartsell (Cabarrus County) and John Morris requested that the legislators consider weakening the NC Interbasin Transfer law because the IBT’s are one of the better strategies to drought proof systems. With the approval of the commission, a letter of opposition of this request was mailed to the State Representatives.</li> <li>➤ <b>Project E-2, Hydrilla</b> (Ibach) - A purchase order was submitted to acquire 500 Grass Carp to be released into Lake Wylie this spring. Commissioner Hanks received a quote of approximately \$50/each for signs to be posted at area access ramps stating the NC Regulations regarding the possession of Grass Carp.</li> <li>➤ <b>Project E-3, Wastewater Treatment Plant Stakeholders Group</b> (DuPuy/Ibach) – The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has not yet been completed. The public will have a period to comment once this EIS is distributed.</li> <li>➤ <b>Project E-4, Creating a “Clean Marina” program for LWMC</b> (Ballou/DuPuy) – Commissioner Ballou suggested that he speak on behalf of the marine commission at the upcoming Regional Water Safety Forum on June 28<sup>th</sup>. This would be a great opportunity to get input and feedback from other organizations regarding a future Clean Marina program on Lake Wylie.</li> <li>➤ <b>Project S-01, Law Enforcement Facility</b> (Stowe) – The temporary office was successfully moved on site however, several adjoining property owners requested that the office be moved back toward to lake about 50’. At the original location, the office was an eye sore for these residents. Chairman Stowe will coordinate with the movers to get the office relocated.</li> <li>➤ <b>Project S-02, No Wake Buffers at all Bridges on Lake Wylie</b> (Ibach/Stowe) – Legal Counsel Chris Clark asked Vice Chairman Ibach if he could provided an aerial map and draw in the necessary buoys at all of the bridges on Lake Wylie. Once this map is received, a public hearing will need to be scheduled for</li> </ul>	
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<b>Marine Commission Goals Worksheet (continued)</b>	consideration of a resolution to request that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission impose No-Wake Zone Buffers for the areas around all North Carolina bridges located on Lake Wylie.	
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Finance and Activity Report</b> – Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing distributed the finance report for March 2008 and the draft budget for FY08-09. A public hearing to approve the FY08-09 budget will be held during the May 26, 2008 LWMC meeting.	
<b>Other Business</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s Report</b> – No report</p> <p><b>Executive Directors Report</b> – No report</p> <p><b>Legal Counsel Report</b> – No report</p> <p><b>Commissioners Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rusty White – thanked the commission for all of the work that they do on the lake and would like to offer any assistance in encouraging the fishing community to get out on Lake Wylie and enjoy the sport.</li> </ul>	
<b>Public Comments</b>	<b>Public Comments</b> – None	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm	
<b>Next Business Meeting Date and Location</b>	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on May 26, 2008 at 7:00 at the Red Fez Club, 16,600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte, NC.	

Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director