

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**February 25, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

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

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 David Cloninger (Gaston County), Commissioner Troy Blackmon (York County)

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Dan Ballou (York County)

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

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Joe Stowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.	
Approve Minutes – January 28, 2008	The minutes from the January 28, 2008 meeting were approved.	A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ibach to approve the January 28, 2008 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Blackmon. The motion was approved.

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Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - None	
Public Comments	Public Comments - None	
County Reports	<p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report – Officer Everhart reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SPLASH – Mid-Atlantic Boat Show on February 6 – February 10. ➤ SPLASH and the Lake Wylie Marine Commission will receive exposure at the 2008 International Water Safety Summit in San Diego, CA when Becky Frazier receives the National Water Safety Congress award. Both SPLASH and LWMC were mentioned in her nominated letter for partners in water safety awareness. <p>Gaston County Police Department – Jason May reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scheduled to pick up boat from McKee Craft on March 6th. ➤ Will begin working weekends on the lake during April. By the second week in June, the boat should be on the lake full time. <p>York County Sheriff’s Office – Ed Ware reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assisted with the Mid-Atlantic Boat Show on February 6 – February 10. ➤ Will have 2 boats and 2 jet skis on the lake for the upcoming boating season. <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 – Sergeant Todd Campbell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SCDNR have been working on land checks during the weekends. ➤ Assisted with the Mid-Atlantic Boat Show on February 6th. ➤ Gearing up for the 5th Annual Fishing Rodeo on May 10th. Sgt. Campbell requested the support of the LWMC for this event. At last year’s event, over 800 children benefited from this fun-filled day. <p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – David Buetow reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No new water quality or bacteriological data to report. ➤ New boat will be ready in March. 	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Cloninger to approve a \$250 donation in support of the 5th Annual Fishing Rodeo. Seconded by Secretary Treasurer DuPuy. The motion was approved.</p>

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<p>County Reports (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The state of NC recently came out with their draft 303D list for 2008. Upper Lake Wylie from Mountain Island Dam to I-85 was listed as having low PH. LUESA will add additional testing sites in this area to follow up on this problem. <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Ronnie Lawson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lake level is at 95.7. 1.3’ below target level of 97’. ➤ As of February 20th, the TUS (Total Usage Storage) was at 59.3. This is an increase of 25% from December 12th. ➤ The Drought Management Group reported that the gain rate in storage is approximately 2.33% per week. <p>Lake Wylie Covekeepers – C.D. Collins reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lakekeeper Donna Lisenby will be leaving the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation to become the Riverkeeper for the upper Watauga River and start Waterkeepers Carolina. ➤ Covekeepers are continuing to monitor the two construction sites behind Southpoint High School. <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – No one was present to give report</p>	
<p>Request for Comments</p>	<p>Request for Comments</p> <p>Permanent Dock Proposal at U.S. National Whitewater Center (Follow up)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No one was present to give report. Will defer until the March 24th meeting. <p>Proposed Raw Water Intake and Withdrawal Increase, City of Rock Hill – Representatives from the City of Rock Hill and the engineering firm of Wiedeman & Singleton presented the request to the commissioners.</p> <p>The City of Rock Hill owns and operates raw water supply facilities located at Lake Wylie. Currently, these facilities are designed to withdraw up to a maximum daily rate of 30 MGD. Water demands served by Rock Hill reached 26.5 MGD in August of 2007 and will exceed 30 MGD in the foreseeable future. As such, the City is planning to expand the raw water facilities at Lake Wylie and is pursuing approval of a new permit/agreement from Duke Energy/FERC for increased withdrawals to 60 MGD. The proposed new raw water intake expansion would consist of installation of a second similar intake and pump</p>	

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Request for Comments (continued)	<p>station approximately 20 feet south of the existing facilities, installation of emergency generators to supply power requirements at 60 MGD, expand current chemical storage and handling facilities, and retrofit existing intake with new static screen.</p> <p>As part of the review process, the Lake Wylie Marine Commission will make a site visit and come back to the commission with its recommendation. Commissioner Blackmon and Commissioner Ballou volunteered to review this request.</p>	
Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet	<p>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project E-1, Concord/Kannapolis IBT (Stowe/DuPuy) - 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. The commission approved drafting a letter of opposition of this request. ➤ Project E-2, Hydrilla (Ibach) – Scheduled to attend the Aquatic Weed Council meeting on March 12th with Ken Manual. Commissioner Hanks will research costs of posting signage at boat landings to identify laws against fishing/possessing sterile grass carp. ➤ Project E-3, Wastewater Treatment Plant Stakeholders Group (DuPuy/Ibach) – Final meeting will be held on February 28th. At this meeting, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be presented to the group. ➤ Project S-01, Law Enforcement Facility (Stowe) – Have received 3 bids for the grading work to be done at the facility. Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing is working with York County to get the necessary permits to move the temporary office to site as well as getting the grading and building permits. Chairman Stowe is working with York County Sheriff's office and SCDNR on the design of the future boathouse. ➤ Project S-02, No Wake Buffers at all Bridges on Lake Wylie (Ibach/Stowe) – Legal Counsel Chris Clark contacted NC Wildlife and they asked if the LWMC would be willing to draft the resolution and pay for the necessary buoys and markers at these bridges. The commission will also need to provide to NC Wildlife a series of drawings or photos of where these buoys will be placed. NC Wildlife sent the necessary form for the commission to complete in order for them to move forward in the process of getting this regulation passed however, Legal Counsel Chris Clark would like to revise this information before the Chairman signs it. 	<p>A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer DuPuy that Chairman Joe Stowe draft a letter to the Department of Water Resources on behalf of the LWMC in opposition to the weakening of the IBT law, which was proposed by Senators Hartsell and Morris. Seconded by Chairman Stowe. The motion was approved.</p> <p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ibach giving Chairman Stowe authorization to sign the necessary document from NC Wildlife once it is in suitable form.</p>

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Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project PI-03, Law Enforcement Posters (Cloninger) – Law Enforcement posters were printed and distributed to several agencies that were present at tonight’s LWMC meeting. These posters will be displayed at area marinas and businesses to promote boater safety and enforcement. 	Seconded by Secretary Treasurer DuPuy. The motion was approved.
Finance	Finance and Activity Report – Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing distributed the finance report for January 2008. Final quarter requests for funds will be mailed out in March.	
Other Business	<p>Chairman’s Report – Chairman Stowe reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion of Changing York County Meeting Location – The commission has out-grown the meeting space at River Hills Community Association therefore, would like to change the York County meeting location to Camp Thunderbird. This facility is much larger and can accommodate more people. <p>Executive Directors Report – No report</p> <p>Legal Counsel Report – Chris Clark reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion and Consideration of Revised LWMC By-Laws <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change in meeting date – will state that the LWMC will have a monthly meeting but will not set the exact dates within the By-laws. 2. Commission Terms – include the two (2) term limits for commissioners in the LWMC By-laws even though they are imposed by the funding Counties. <p>Legal Counsel Chris Clark will bring copies of the revised By-Laws to the commission at their March 24, 2008 meeting.</p> <p>Commissioners Comments – None</p>	<p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ibach that the LWMC 2008 meeting schedule be revised to reflect the change in the York County meeting location to Camp Thunderbird. Seconded by Commissioner Blackmon. The motion was approved.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Hanks to approve the revised LWMC By-Laws as presented to the commission. Seconded by Commissioner Blackmon.</p>

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Other Business (continued)		An amended motion was made by Commissioner Hanks to approve the By-laws as drafted with one change being that the Commissioner term limits would be effective for the 2008 appointees. Seconded by Commissioner Blackmon. The motion was approved.
Public Comments	<i>Public Comments</i> – None	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm	
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on March 24, 2008 at 7:00 at Belmont City Hall, 115 North Main Street, Belmont, NC.	

Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director