

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**May 30, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

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

Minutes

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Don Cloninger (York County) Commissioner Dan Ballou (York County),

LWMC Staff Present: Mike McLaurin, Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

LWMC Staff Absent: Annette Lawing, Clerk

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Joe Stowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.	
Approve Minutes – April 23, 2007	The minutes from the April 23, 2007 meeting were approved.	A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy to approve the April 23, 2007 LWMC meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Ibach. The motion was approved.

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Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - None	
Public Comments	Public Comments – None	
Update on Executive Director's Transition	<p>Update on Executive Director's Transition – Michael McLaurin announced that he would be taking a 3-year leave of absence from Centralina Council of Governments to take the position as Manager for the Town of Waxhaw. Mike expressed sincere appreciation to the commission for allowing him to serve as the Executive Director of the Lake Wylie Marine Commission since 1989. Mike also expressed that even though he would be leaving the commission, Centralina COG is still very interested in continuing to serve the LWMC. A proposal for these services (for the FY07-08 fiscal year) was distributed to each of the commissioners for their review. COG's Executive Director, Al Sharp will be on hand at the June 25th LWMC business meeting to answer any questions regarding this proposal. Mike concluded by stating that he has enjoyed his time with the commission and is very appreciative of the progress that has been made on Lake Wylie.</p> <p>Chairman Stowe added that each commissioner needs to review this proposal and be prepared to vote on it at the LWMC June 25th business meeting.</p>	
County Reports	<p>Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department and SPLASH Report – Officer Terry Everhart reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Made minor adjustments to the patrol boat ❑ SPLASH attended the Mayday Festival at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Preschool on May 2nd. There were 56 children and 25 adults at this event. ❑ SPLASH was a big hit at the SCDNR Annual Fishing Rodeo on May 12th! ❑ SPLASH entertained 60 kids at the Sharon Presbyterian Weekday School on May 14th. ❑ Attended In-service training on Lake Norman. ❑ Participated in the LWMC photo shoot for law enforcement agencies on May 10th. <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Osborne reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The boat is operational and patrolling on the weekends. Will start patrolling full time on June 11th. <p>York County Sheriff's Office – Sgt Brent Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Have two (2) school resource officers that will be operating jet skis. 	

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County Reports (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Most days this summer York County will have four (4) officers on the lake. <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources – No report</p> <p>Tega Cay Police Department – Vince Holland and A. Breeland reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Boat on the lake full time □ Will have two (2) officers on the lake over the summer <p>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources – Sgt. Todd Campbell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ The annual Fishing Rodeo was held on May 12th and over 600 kids attended. Sgt Campbell thanked all of the sponsors and SPLASH for supporting this event. □ Boat on the lake full time □ Be-Safe Team was on the lake over the Memorial Day weekend. An estimated 100 citations were written. <p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – David Buetow reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Distributed the Bacteriological results from the March 29, 2007 testing. All of the test sites showed good results except for the Dutchman’s Creek site. <p>NC Wildlife Resources – Tracy Dula reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ On the lake full time □ Will have two (2) new boats on the lake □ Boat sank at Terry’s Marina but no fuel was spilled □ Will be distributing safety flyers to boaters during this busy season □ During the July 4th week, hoping to have the plane to help patrol <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Ronnie Lawson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Pier Approvals (12) □ Lake level is at 97 □ Shoreline Stabilizations Applications (3) □ Ed Bruce has requested to come to the June LWMC business meeting to talk about lake levels and low flow protocols. 	

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County Reports (continued)	<p>Lake Wylie Lakekeeper – Mike Peters reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ The Lake Wylie Covekeepers have been studying how to revise their water quality-testing program in order to closely monitor phosphorus and nitrogen. The Lakekeepers would like the input of the LWMC on any particular areas they consider needing monitoring. <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – CMPD Officer Everhart reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Jason Holden has put in a work order for signs (no parking, no fishing, etc) at the Copperhead boat access. 	
Carolina Water Service to Lake Wylie	<p>Carolina Water Service to Lake Wylie – Mack Mitchell with Carolina Water Service was unable to attend the meeting so this report was deferred until the June 25, 2007 business meeting.</p>	
Environmental	<p>Update on Hydrilla on Lake Wylie - Commissioner Ibach distributed the draft Management Plan for the Lake Wylie Marine Commission for their review. Ibach informed the commission that the grass carp cannot be purchased until the spring of 2008 because these fish do not transport well during hot weather. Commissioner Ibach's recommendation is that the commission purchase 1,000 grass carp at approximately \$5.00 each and plan to stock 300 carp for each year thereafter. Need to purchase these fish in January so they can be released in the lake by May 2008.</p>	
Request for Comments	<p>Hidden Harbor Marina – City of Tega Cay – Mallory Liles presented information to the commission. The City of Tega Cay will be the developer of Hidden Harbor Marina (True Marina) in the Lakeshore section of Tega Cay. This request is for a 32-slip marina on a 2.361-acre tract that has 1,050 linear feet of shoreline. This is the site of the original Hidden Harbor Marina. Four years ago, New Carolina bought this site and in May 2005 Lake Wylie Marine Commission approved a 32-slip residential / commercial marina at this site. The change from the original request is that this will be a true public marina, which means it will be open to the public and does not require a membership. Due to Duke Energy's lake services requirements, all residents of the Lakeshore sections will be excluded from marina slip use.</p>	

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Request for Comments (continued)	<p>Chairman Stowe asked Mallory who would be able to use the boat slips. There will be (6) six day slips, which anyone would be able to use on a daily basis. The remaining (26) twenty-six slips will be available for yearly lease, stated Mallory.</p> <p>There will also be picnic tables, beach area with volleyball courts and walking paths. There will be no fuel sold at this site.</p> <p>Chairman Stowe and Commissioner Blackmon volunteered to visit this proposed site and will report back to the commission at the June 25th LWMC business meeting.</p>	
Update on Interbasin Transfer	Update on IBT – Chairman Stowe reported that there have been no injunctions and (3) three lawsuits have been filed. Several local newspapers have reported on the area drought and highlighted what the effects would be if any water was drawn from the lake.	
Update on the Law Enforcement Facility	<p>Update on the Law Enforcement Facility – Chairman Stowe met with Steven Allen, York County Zoning Administrator, to submit the site plan. After review, the site plan was approved. Chairman Stowe is now in the process of completing a required questionnaire from the County.</p> <p>Legal Counsel, Chris Clark reported that the SC Budget Control Board decided that they were not required to review the lease in order for it to get the needed signatures from SCDNR. The final step in the process is for the SCDNR to review this lease at their June 15th board meeting. Chairman Stowe volunteered to attend this meeting, if necessary.</p>	
Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet	<p>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Public Information, Photo Shoot – Vice Chairman Billy McLean reported that the May 10th law enforcement photo shoot was a huge success! There were (6) six agencies participate in this project. McLean gave special thanks to Officer Terry Everhart with CMPD for scheduling the CMPD helicopter for this shoot and to the photographer, Steven Somloi for doing such a great job! The chip-files of these photos are in the hands of a marketing firm to get estimates for producing posters, billboards, and print ads. McLean stated that he should have a proposed budget for this project at the June LWMC business meeting. 	A motion was made by Commissioner Ibach to allocate up to \$6,000 towards costs affiliated with the law enforcement photo shoot project (billboards, posters, etc) with the focus of trying to distribute this equally among the

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Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet (continued)	<p>Executive Director Mike McLaurin suggested that the commission allocate funds to begin the process prior to the June business meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Public Information, Website – Secretary / Treasurer DuPuy informed the commission that several Catawba Wateree Bi-State Commission meeting minutes are now posted on the website. 	(3) funding Counties and to adjust the budget accordingly. Seconded by Commissioner Blackmon. The motion was approved.
Finance and Activity Report	Finance and Activity Report – Executive Director Mike McLaurin reviewed the finance report and activities report with the Commission.	
Other Business	<p>Chairman’s Report –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Marine Commission Meeting - Chairman Stowe asked the commission to mark their calendars for July 12th to attend the Joint Marine Commission meeting. This meeting will be held at the Pine Island Country Club from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. • Request for Information – Chairman Stowe received a letter from a gentleman in Nag’s Head, NC requesting information and suggestions for moving his family to Gaston County and opening a commercial marine towing business. Stowe will generate a reply letter welcoming him and his family to the area and offer any helpful information on the area. <p>Executive Directors Report – Mike McLaurin had nothing to report.</p>	
Public Comments	Public Comments – Johanna Elbach, a resident of Lake Wylie, has a dock just north of the Lake Wylie Marina and it is being damaged by all of the wake action. Ms. Elbach has previously written SCDNR requesting that a buoy be placed in front of her dock. Chairman Stowe suggested that she talk with Sgt. Todd Campbell with SCDNR to discuss this issue. Sgt. Campbell was present at this business meeting and would discuss her options. Executive Director Mike McLaurin asked Sgt. Campbell to report back to the commission at the June business regarding this matter.	

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Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm	The meeting was adjourned on motions by Commissioner Ibach and Secretary Treasurer DuPuy.
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on June 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Belmont City Hall, 115 North Main Street, Belmont, NC.	

Annette Lawing, Marine Commission Clerk