

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



October 25, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Good Samaritan United Methodist Church
5420 Crowder's Cove Lane
Lake Wylie, SC

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Chair Smitty Hanks (Gaston County), Vice Chair Terry Everhart (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Ron Wanless (York County), Secretary Treasurer Howard Virkler (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Bill Campbell (Gaston County), Commissioner Vernon Peers (York County), Commissioner Ed Hull (York County)

LWMC Staff Present: Joe Stowe, Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel, Annette Demeny, Commission Clerk

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.	
Approve Minutes – September 27, 2010	The minutes from September 27, 2010 were approved as submitted	
Approval of the October 25, 2010 Meeting Agenda	The October 25, 2010 meeting agenda was approved as submitted	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda – None	
Public Comments	Public Comments - None	

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Stakeholder Reports	<p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report – Officer Chris DeCarlo reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not very much activity on the lake at this time • Continued maintenance on boat • (1) Accident reported at Sandbar. A jet ski collided with a Sea Ray. • (1) Drowning - (September) Fisherman drowned. The cause has not yet been determined. <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hamrick reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCPD was awarded a grant to purchase new sonar for boat. Four (4) officers are scheduled to travel to VA Beach for training to use this equipment. <p>York County Sheriff’s Office – Sgt Brent Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1) Call for possible boat floating away from dock however, when officer arrived, the boat was anchored. • Sgt Mabry informed the Commission that the corner of the boathouse at Law Enforcement Facility is on rocks due to water level being so low. <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>South Carolina Department of Natural Resources</p> <p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – David Buetow reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LUSI results (September) – Partially Supporting results near Paw Creek due to high turbidity readings in March. • No Swimming Advisory was issued on October 12, 2010 for a portion of Lake Wylie due to sewage discharge from a sanitary sewer manhole near 8746 Little Brim Lane. The discharge then flowed into a nearby stream and then into Paw Creek Cove. The overflow was caused by a grease blockage in the sanitary sewer line. Within a few hours, the problem was repaired and the discharge stopped. The sewer line is privately owned and maintained by West Bloomfield Acres Mobile 	

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Stakeholder Reports (cont.)	<p>Home Park. A Notice of Violation was sent to the Mobile Home Park owner which requires cleaning of the sewer lines and to educate neighbors of spills. The swimming advisory was lifted after sampling results indicated the level was safe for swimming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a large shoreline stabilization project occurring on 8345 Lilybet Rd located across the lake from the Ashe Basin. The project is approved and the owner will be performing extensive restoration. The project was necessary due to steep eroding cliffs. 	
Stakeholders Reports (continued)	<p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Ronnie Lawson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake level – 95.1 (target is 97’) • Drought Management Group – Low Inflow Protocol (LIP) is at Stage 1 (voluntary waste conservation). • Stream Flow Average – 64.6% (supports Stage 1 US Drought Monitoring) • Duke will be closing the Allison Creek Access and Southpoint Access beginning November 8th in order to repave parking lots. Nivens Creek Access will be the only usable access during this time. All other accesses will not be usable due to low water levels. <p>Lake Wylie Lakekeeper – Ellen Goff was present to give report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riversweep – The 9th Annual Riversweep was a great success with more than 900 registered volunteers gathering over 56,000 lbs of trash and debris. Ms. Goff thanked the Commission for underwriting the T-shirts given to the volunteers however; the Foundation was short 57 shirts to fulfill requests from volunteers who did not receive a shirt on the day of the event. The Commission voted and approved ordering an additional 57 shirts for these volunteers. <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – No one was present to give a report</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Wanless to order an additional 57 T-shirts to fulfill requests from volunteers who did not receive one on the day of the Riversweep event. Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The motion was approved.</p>
Request for Approval	Request for Approval – Riversweep Tee-Shirts (Additional) – See above Lake Wylie Lakekeeper Report	
Treasurer’s Report	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Secretary Treasurer Howard Virkler reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Report - The monthly finance report was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting. No questions or changes were made to the finance report. 	

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<p>Executive Director's Report</p>	<p>Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Joe Stowe reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule – The proposed 2011 meeting schedule was distributed to the Commission and was approved as submitted. • Fish Attractors and Osprey Nests – At its September 2010 meeting, the LWMC approved to allot \$4,000 for placement of fish attractors and osprey nests on the SC side of Lake Wylie. As a part of the process for installation, Dr. Jarman contacted SCDNR regarding buoy placement at these proposed sites. However, seemed to have difficulty getting information and commitment on buoy placement from SCDNR. Dr. Jarman notified the Commission about this and asked for assistance. Vice Chairman Terry Everhart commented that the Commission should not get in the middle of this process. The Commission only agreed to help in the financing of the attractors and nests. Chairman Hanks agreed and added that this task is outside of the scope of service of the Commission. Commissioner Wanless suggested that Executive Director Joe Stowe contact SCDNR to get a better understanding of their concerns and report back to the commission at their November meeting. • Bi-State Commission Representative – Joe Stowe announced that Smitty Hanks will be the new Marine Commission representative (Lake Wylie, Mountain Island and Lake Norman). • Riversweep Follow Up Meeting – The Commission will begin work on planning for next year's Riversweep. Chairman Hanks suggested that a committee be formed to research sponsors for food for the 2011 Riversweep. Also, will need to look at soliciting additional volunteers at the north end of the lake. 	
<p>Chairman's Report</p>	<p>Chairman's Report – Chairman Smitty Hanks reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Boating and Water Safety Summit – In years past, the LWMC assisted CMPD Officer Terry Everhart in costs to attend the International Boating and Water Safety Summit. This year's summit will be in Savannah, Georgia on March 6th – 9th, 2011. Officer Everhart requested financial assistance to attend this event. Everhart plans to provide the total amount of the request at the November meeting. Commissioner Campbell asked if any other law enforcement officers have been given the opportunity to go. Sgt Brent Mabry (York County Sheriff's Office) replied that a request has been made within his department for two of his officers to attend. Officer Rodney Hamrick (Gaston County Police) added that he 	

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Chairman's Report (continued)	and another officer would like the opportunity to attend and plans to put in a request as well.	
Other Business	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Marina Program – Commissioner Campbell presented the Clean Marina books that will be given to each of the approved marinas. Information in these booklets include; contact information, copy of application, emergency spill and evacuation plan • Fireworks – Decals were delivered today. These decals will be given out to patrons who donate \$100 or more to 2011 Fireworks on Lake Wylie. Commissioner Virkler suggests that an article about this fundraising effort be put in the Charlotte Observer. Virkler is also researching ways to make donations tax deductible. Another opportunity to raise the funds could be to coordinate this effort with helping disabled kids to go to summer camp. Managers at Lowe's, Bank of America, Wal-Mart and other are being contacted to see if contributions through their particular company could be made. • LWMC Tent – Commissioner Virkler distributed two samples for the backdrop for the LWMC display tent. The Clean Marina information will be displayed on a separate banner. • Sewage Spill Notification – Commission Wanless was recognized by the Commission for the recent article in the Lake Wylie Pilot. Wanless stated that hopefully after elections are wrapped up, the proposed bill will make its way onto the Senate floor for approval. • LWMC Website – Chairman Hanks suggested that a sub-committee be assigned to work with web provider to give the LWMC website a fresher look. There were no volunteers at this time to participate in this project. • Coal Ash Letter – Chairman Smitty Hanks and Commissioner Ron Wanless compiled comments to EPA in response to the recent coal ash hearings. The Commission approved Chairman Hanks to send his letter to EPA and to reference Commissioner Wanless' letter as an attachment. • Sign Posting (Lifejacket / Drownings) – Commissioner Everhart to contact Duke Energy regarding posting signs on Lake Wylie depleting how many persons have drowned in the lake and how many were and were not wearing lifejackets. 	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell to authorize Chairman Hanks to send letter to EPA and reference Commissioner Wanless' letter as an attachment. Seconded by Commissioner Everhart. The motion was approved.</p>

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Comments	<p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russ Frase with the Carolina Show Ski Team informed the Commission that an application has been sent to hold the 2012 Southern Regional Ski Tournament on Lake Wylie. This event would be hosted by the City of Tega Cay and the Carolina Show Ski Team on June 23-24, 2012. Five (5) teams from Tampa, Sarasota, Naples, Orlando and Alabama will be participating in this event. This Ski Team was founded in 1988 and is a non-profit organization with the express mission to promote the sport of waterskiing in a fun-filled family environment. Mr. Frase plans to report back to the Commission with additional information once application is approved. Sgt Brent Mabry with the York County Sheriff's Office added that he has personally observed events hosted by the Carolina Show Ski Team and safety is their key concern. 	
Adjournment	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.	A motion was made by Vice Chair Everhart to adjourn the October 25, 2010 business meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Virkler. The motion was approved.
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on November 22, 2010 at 7:00 at the Steele Creek Healthcare Pavilion, 13640 Steelescrot Parkway, Charlotte, NC.	

Annette Demeny, Commission Clerk