

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**July 23, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

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

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Chairman Joe Stowe (Gaston County), Commissioner Bo Ibach (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy (Mecklenburg County), Troy Blackmon (York County), Commissioner Don Cloninger (York County), Commissioner Dan Ballou (York County)

Commissioners Absent: Vice-Chairman Billy McLean (Gaston County)

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

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Joe Stowe called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.	
Approve Minutes – June 25, 2007	The minutes from the June 25, 2007 meeting were approved with the following revisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Secretary Treasurer DuPuy asked Commissioner Ibach if the minutes were correct and clear on his June 25th Hydrilla report. Ibach stated that the only change he would suggest is changing the word <i>for</i> to <i>as</i> in the first sentence. 	A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy to approve the June 25, 2007 LWMC meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Ballou. The motion was approved.
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - None	

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Public Comments	Public Comments – None	
County Reports	<p>Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department and SPLASH Report – Officer Chris DeCarlo reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ SPLASH – Will be at the Mid Atlantic Boat Show from August 3rd – 5th. ❑ CMPD is participating in the “Floatation Citation” program. This program is geared towards promoting children to use their safety vests when boating. A patrol officer will approach a child who is wearing their safety vest and award them with a laminated gift card from various sponsors of the program (i.e. free milkshake from Chic-fil-a). Gaston County Police is also working to get other area businesses to sponsor this program. ❑ (38) Boats Inspected ❑ (36) Warnings ❑ (3) Citations Issued ❑ (6) Boaters Assisted <p>Gaston County Police Department – Sgt McCants and Officer Jason May reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Gaston County Police has been working hard to promote the “Floatation Citation” program to the area merchants. River Hills Marina has shown interest in sponsoring this program. <p>York County Sheriff’s Office – Sgt Brent Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ No major incidences over the Fourth of July holiday ❑ York County’s boat is having engine problems and is not operational at this time. The officers have been patrolling on jet skis. ❑ With the help of the new sonar equipment, a car was located in Allison Creek. This car was reported stolen in Charlotte in 2003. ❑ Worthy Boys and Girls Camp – The Rock Hill Police Department sponsors this camp every summer. As one of the events of this camp, the children are brought to Ebenezer Park and were able to participate in an on-the-water safety program. Approximately 180 – 200 kids participated in this camp this summer. <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources – Sgt Barry Rowell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Short handed on the lake this year ❑ Approximately (40) Citations and (6) BWI over the Fourth of July holiday 	

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<p>County Reports (continued)</p>	<p>Tega Cay Police Department – No report</p> <p>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources – Officer Mark Ferrell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Patrolling the lake full time ❑ No boating accidents reported ❑ Administered boating checks over the Fourth of July holiday <p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – David Buetow reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Distributed the June 2007 Water Quality report. LUESA expanded the reporting sites on Lake Wylie. All sites but one site reported in the Good – Good/Excellent range. The one site that had a Poor/Fair rating was in the Long Creek area. This low rating was due to very high chlorophyll rating (twice the states standard). ❑ Distributed the June 2007 Bacteriological report. LUESA has also added new monitoring sites for bacteriological reporting. All sites but one reported in the 0-200 range. The testing site that rated 510 fecal colonies per / 100 ml was in Dutchman’s Creek. These results stem from the ongoing watershed problem in this area. <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – No report</p> <p>Lake Wylie Lakekeeper – No Report</p> <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – No Report</p>	
<p>Carolina Water Service to Lake Wylie</p>	<p>Carolina Water Service to Lake Wylie – Mac Mitchell with Carolina Water Service was not present to give a report.</p>	
<p>Environmental</p>	<p>Update on Hydrilla on Lake Wylie – No report</p>	

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<p>Request for Comments</p>	<p>Reconfiguration of Riverfront Marina – Chairman Stowe and Secretary Treasurer DuPuy reported</p> <p>The request is for the approval of the proposed reconfiguration of the Residential Marina at Riverfront Development on Lake Wylie. This marina was previously reviewed by the LWMC in September 2002. During the pre-construction phase of the installation of the floating docks in Lease Area 4, a surveying error was discovered and this would not allow the facility to be constructed as originally planned. The number of slips is unchanged from the original design. The location of those slips is the only item that has been altered.</p> <p>After the presentation by Larry Harrelson (Rowboat Dock & Dredge) at the LWMC June 25th business meeting, Chairman Stowe and Secretary Treasurer DuPuy visited the proposed site and brought back a recommendation to the commission to approve the reconfiguration. Relocating the docks will actually be an improvement from the previously approved proposal, stated Chairman Stowe. As part of this approval, LWMC requested that the Riverfront Marina consider implementing the Clean Marina program.</p> <p>Withers Cove Water Main Request – Charles Bliss with Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities and Brannon Richards with Kimley-Horn and Associates presented the request.</p> <p>As part of the 2005 Steele Creek North Annexation, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Utility Department is proposing to construct a 16-inch water main underneath Withers Cove in Lake Wylie. This water main will be installed to help with water pressure in this area.</p> <p>As part of the approval process, Chairman Stowe and Commissioner Ibach volunteered to visit the site and review this request. They will report back to the commission with a recommendation at the August 27, 2007 meeting.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer DuPuy to approve the proposed reconfiguration of the Riverfront Marina as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Cloninger. The motion was approved.</p>
<p>Public Safety</p>	<p>No Wake Buffers at Bridges – Chairman Stowe discussed the idea of No Wake Buffers at all the bridges on Lake Wylie. Chris DeCarlo, CMPD, stated that his concern would be maintaining the buoys at these bridges. The buoys have a tendency of moving quite a bit. Commissioner Ibach added that buoys may not be necessary. In Lake Norman, they have No Wake Buffers at all their bridges but do not have buoys installed at every bridge. This is just a known lake policy and boaters have to be educated, stated Ibach. Commissioner Ballou noted that there are two issues: 1. are there going to be consistent rules that apply throughout the lake 2. question of enforcement. Ballou is an advocate of consistency and</p>	

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Public Safety (continued)	if there is consistency, then enforcement would be much easier to apply. Chairman Stowe and Commissioner Ibach volunteered to begin researching this idea and will follow up with the commission at the August LWMC business meeting.	
Update on Interbasin Transfer	<p>Update on IBT – Secretary Treasurer reported that South Carolina has filed a lawsuit with the Supreme Court and is waiting to see if they will take the case.</p> <p>The Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation and various cities and counties have joined together to try to stop the permit from being enacted. The Honorable Judge Selena Brooks has now been assigned to this administrative appeal case.</p> <p>Senator Queen and Senator Clodfelter introduced a bill that would revise the way IBT’s are handled in North Carolina. This bill is being reviewed by the Senate’s Agricultural and Environmental Committee. Fred Smith and Janet Cowell are two members of this committee who are running for state office. Everyone is encouraged to contact these members to voice their support for this bill. The Catawba Riverkeeper’s Executive Director, Donna Lisenby is to send out status reports on this bill once she receives new information.</p>	
Update on the Law Enforcement Facility	<p>Update on the Law Enforcement Facility – Chairman Joe Stowe and Tom Smith, York County Councilman, met with met with law enforcement agencies to go over the site plan and to look at possibly utilizing same septic field. They also marked where the road would go in. The plans that will have to be presented to the York County for the Commissioners approval are being drawn now and the permits are being completed by York County Personnel.</p> <p>Legal Counsel, Chris Clark reported that he has been promised a signature from SCDNR for the lease agreement but has not yet received a hardcopy.</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, Notification of Sewage Spills – Commissioner Dan Ballou is to meet with York County Council Chair, Carl Gullick in the next couple of weeks. Chairman Stowe informed the commission that tonight was the third LWMC meeting that Carolina Water Services were invited to report on their procedure of notifying the public of sewage spills but they have not shown up to any of these meetings. Commissioners will discuss what steps to take next to get a 	

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Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet (continued)	<p>Carolina Water Services representative to a LWMC meeting to report this information. Commissioner Cloninger stated that it is a possibility that York County may be purchasing Carolina Water Services in the near future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Public Information, Website – Secretary / Treasurer DuPuy is requesting any photos of Lake Wylie be sent to her so she can post them on the website. 	
Finance and Activity Report	<p>Finance and Activity Report – Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing reported that there will be some formatting changes to the finance report for the FY07-08 year.</p> <p>Eco-Friendly Reporting – In order to conserve paper and our natural resources, Lawing suggested that the meeting agendas and minutes be posted on the Lake Wylie website (www.lakewyliemarinecommission.com) in lieu of mailing 225+ packets via US Mail every month. The public will be notified of this change and will be given the option to receive this monthly information via email or they can continue to receive it via US Mail. Lawing will bring a draft of this notification to the commission for their approval at the August 27th business meeting.</p>	
Other Business	<p>Chairman’s Report –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Joint Marine Commission Meeting - Chairman Stowe reported that the Joint Marine Commission Meeting at Pine Island Country Club on July 12th was a great success. At this meeting, Lake Wylie Marine Commission and Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission approved a resolution to support the objectives from the Green Transformation Conference. Some of these objectives were to protect the shorelines and strive to become a “Green Lake” in order to protect the natural resources that are provided to us. Stowe suggested that this goal be added to the LWMC Goals Worksheet. □ Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce – Lake Wylie Marine Commission has been invited to attend the After Hours sponsored by the Lake Wylie COC. This gathering will be on July 26th from 5:30 – 7:30 at the City Tavern. Also, Lake Wylie COC is \$4,000 short for the 2007 Fourth of July fireworks display that was held at Camp Thunderbird. LWMC has been asked to make a donation to help with the costs of this event. A motion was approved for the LWMC to make a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to help fund this event. Commissioner Ballou stated the LWMC could use such an event, as the Fourth of July fireworks, to 	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ibach for the LWMC to donate \$1,000 to the Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce to help fund the 2007 Fourth of July fireworks display at Camp Thunderbird. Seconded by Commissioner Cloninger. The motion was approved.</p>

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Other Business (continued)	<p>promote and distribute information on the “Green Lake” concept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Nominating Committee – Chairman Stowe has selected Billy McLean as Chairman and Sandy DuPuy as Vice Chairman for the 2007 Nominating Committee. Election of officers will be held in September. □ Other Business – The Light Factory will be having their grand opening of the River Docs exhibition in November. LWMC will have a booth there and SPLASH is also scheduled to be at this event. <p>Executive Directors Report – No report</p>	
Public Comments	Public Comments – None	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm	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 August 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Red Fez Club, 16,600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte, NC	

Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director