

# Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

## - Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting -

The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Town of Lake Lure's Lake Operations Building on Monday the 5th day of March, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

### **Attendees:**

Bo Williams (chairperson)  
Wiley Bourne (vice-chair)  
Bill Ashman  
Robin Proctor  
Tom McKay  
David Efird  
Dean Givens (lake operations)  
Clint Calhoun (lake operations)  
Andi Calvert (town clerk)

### **Non-Attending Members:**

Mark Helms  
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)

### **Guests:**

Mayor Bob Keith  
Blaine Cox

### **General Meeting Actions:**

- Chairperson Bo Williams called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- Bill Ashman made a motion, seconded by David Efird, to approve the agenda as presented and to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012 regular meeting as written. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- Bill Ashman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m. David Efird seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

### **Public Forum:**

- No one requested to speak during public forum.

### **Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:**

**Lake Operations Director** – Dean Givens reported the activities of the Lake Operations Department and the progress of the town's marina project.

Mr. Givens also presented information to the board regarding a request he mentioned at the February, 2012 meeting regarding hiring someone to work in the lake operations department part time. Mr. Givens stated that he accrues a large amount of comp time each year due to the number of hours he is required to work on weekends and throughout the week. Mr. Givens explained that the proposed part time employee could assist with lake patrol and other lake operations duties.

The board recognized that there is a need for additional resources to assist Lake Operations Director Dean. Bill Ashman made a motion that the board recommend that town staff review the matter and come up with a solution. David Efird seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

### **Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison:**

Mayor Bob Keith provided each board member a copy of an email sent to him by town resident Mary Potter regarding commercial boat permits. In her email, Mrs. Potter asked that all commercial boat permit holders be allowed to tow when using their boats for personal recreation. Lake Operations Director Dean Givens recommended that the regulation be left as it is since enforcement would be difficult if commercial boats were allowed to tow when the boat isn't being used for commercial purposes, but not

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allowed to tow when being used by a renter. Mr. Givens also stated that tow activity is prohibited on boats associated with rental homes due to complaints and potential injuries that may result when renters who are unfamiliar with the lake and the Lake Use Regulations use boats to tow. The board discussed the idea that most owners of rental properties use a separate boat for personal use.

It was the consensus of the board to recommend that the regulation, based on past incidents, be left the way it currently is.

Mayor Bob Keith also asked the board for suggestions regarding Mike Miller's appeal of the Marine Commission's denial of commercial boat permits for Camp CARE. Mayor Keith expressed a desire to find a way to satisfy the needs of the kids (children from Camp CARE). Mayor Keith confirmed that Camp Lurecrest has a ski boat commercially permitted for 2012 and that Camp CARE has been allowed to use Camp Lurecrest's boats in the past. Board members confirmed that Camp CARE has been offered different options to allow the kids access to the lake and that granting the permits to Mr. Miller sets a precedent since Camp CARE does not meet all the requirements for obtaining a commercial boat permit. The board feels the Camp CARE kids are being allowed access to the lake.

### **Special Topics:**

- Review the Schedule for Lowering the Lake – Bill Ashman suggested that the lake be lowered less often than the current schedule mandates, possibly every 5 years or even less frequently. Mr. Ashman mentioned that when the lake is lowered many residents incur the extra expense of taking their boat out of the lake and storing it. Mr. Ashman also stated that some residents complain that they should be refunded part of their boat permit fee when the lake is lowered and not navigable for part of the year. It was the consensus of the board to table consideration of this item and to direct town staff to gather additional information on the advantages and disadvantages of lowering the lake less frequently. The board suggested that town staff consider seeking advice from former Lake Advisory Board members as to why the current 3 years schedule was put into place.

### **Reports from areas of responsibility:**

**Commercial & Recreational** – Nothing to report

**Fishery & Ecosystem** – Nothing to report

**Lake Structures** – Nothing to report

**Dam & Sewer Operations, Water Quality** – Nothing to report

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea H. Calvert