

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 4th day of June, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Wiley Bourne (vice-chair)
Bill Ashman
Robin Proctor
David Efird
Mark Helms
Gary Johnson
Dean Givens (lake operations)
Clint Calhoun (lake operations)
Andi Calvert (town clerk)
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)

Non-Attending Members:

Bo Williams (chairperson)

Guests:

Ric Thurlby
Clyde Keller
Blaine Cox
Bill Beason
Dan Brenaman

General Meeting Actions:

- Vice Chairperson Wiley Bourne called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- Mark Helms made a motion, seconded by Robin Proctor to approve the of the May 9, 2012 minutes. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- Mark Helms made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Bill Ashman seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

- Ric Thurlby of 426 Cut Away expressed concerns about the lack of restrictions for non-motorized boats on the lake and recommended that non-motorized boats remain in the no wake zone unless they have to cross the lake. The Lake Advisory Board agreed to review the matter at the next meeting. The board also agreed to discuss paddle boards and consider having a different classification for paddle boards.
- Clyde Keller representing the Rutherford County Catalyst introduced himself to the board and stated that he plans to attend LAB meetings as he can to report for the RC Catalyst's online newspaper.
- Bill Beason of 162 Tanner Drive expressed concerns about the ski school operating mainly in the cove he lives in and suggested that the ski school operate in all coves instead of just Sunset Cove. Mark Helms stated that he owns ski boats on the lake but other ski boats on the lake look similar to the ones operated as part of the ski school. Lake Operations Director Dean Givens explained that he has encountered several boats on the lake that he thought were ski school boats, that were in fact not. Mr. Givens also stated that he has been watching the area since Mr. Beason contacted him regarding a specific incident. Mr. Givens agreed to continue to patrol the area and try to educate boaters regarding the issue.
- Dan Brenaman resident of Lake Lure Village Resort stated that he has been contacted to be a distributor or renter of paddle boards and wanted to get gather some information from the board to see if this would be possible. Wiley Bourne explained that the board had discussed the matter of using paddleboards and other non-motorized boats on the lake and suggested that Mr. Brenaman attend to next regular meeting since the item will be on the agenda next month. The board also suggested that Mr. Brenamen talk to Lake Operations Director Dean Givens regarding the commercial permitting process.

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Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Director – Dean Givens reported the activities of the Lake Operations Department.

Mr. Givens also mentioned that the Police Department has encountered a hit and run at the Dam Marina and brought to the board's attention that there is a problem with the condition of the docks at the Dam Marina. The Lake Operations department is working with the owner of the Dam Marina regarding this matter and will be asking that the building inspector advise regarding the condition of the slips.

Mr. Givens asked the board if they felt the boat permit fee schedule should remain the same for the 2013 season. Commissioner Silvey mentioned that in the past the idea of raising the fees a small amount at a time as opposed to larger fee increases had been mentioned.

It was the consensus of the board to recommend that the boat permit fees remain the same for fiscal year 2012-2013. The board decided to review whether or not the boat permit fee schedule should be considered on a yearly basis for small fee increases or less often, perhaps consider raising the permit fees by a large amount less frequently.

Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison:

Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey reported activities of Town Council.

Special Topics:

- **PFD Use on Livery Non-Motorized Boats** - Dean presented a request from Chairman Bo Williams asking that all commercial non-motorized boats be required to wear a PFD instead of just having to have it on the boat. The board agreed to consider this matter at their regular meeting next month.
- **Camp Sub-Committee**- The board agreed to dissolve the committee they appointed last month to review the regulations regarding camps. The board also agreed to schedule a special meeting of the entire Lake Advisory Board regarding the regulation of camps to hear the history of the regulations and gain a greater understanding of the derivation model in order to make an appropriate recommendation to the Marine Commission regarding the matter. Wiley Bourne agreed to discuss the idea of with Chairman Bo Williams and decide who to invite (including consultants and former LAC members).

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Andrea H. Calvert