

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 Municipal Center on Monday, the 4th day of August, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Joe Pritchett
Dan Breneman
Gary Johnson
Derek Papesh
Gary Hasenfus
Bill Ashman
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)
Dean Givens (Dir. Lake Ops.)

Non-Attending Members:

Guests:

Bo Williams
Blaine Cox

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairperson Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- Joe Pritchett made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 regular meeting. Gary Johnson seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.
- Joe Pritchett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Johnson seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

No one requested to speak during public forum.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Administrator – Dean Givens reviewed his report

Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison Report- Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey reported the activities of Town Council.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- Mr. Hasenfus reported that the black bass population continues to develop as part of the plan for fishery and that the input concern stocking of walleye is appreciated, but the plan that has been outlined through past fishery studies goes a different direction.

Mr. Hasenfus also reported that the town's North Carolina Wildlife fish stocking permit is due to expire soon and agreed to work the lake operations department to get the permit renewed.

Lake Structures – Gary Johnson reported:

- No Report

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Emergency Preparedness & Response – Dan Breneman reported:

- No Report

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Joe Pritchett reported:

- Mr. Pritchett the report has been

Water Quality – Bill Ashman reported:

- No Report

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Derek Papesh reported:

- No Report

Other Business

Review Standard Operating Procedures for the dam concerning lake level

Mr. Helms explained that anonymous letters have been received at town hall outlining concerns about the lower lake level. Town Manager Chris Braund stated he has also some calls concerning the procedure concerning the lake level.

Board members who regularly monitor the lake level at their boathouses reported that they have generally seen the lake remain within a four to five inch range.

Dam Operator Donnie McCraw explained that keeping the lake at 990 is ideal, but that he can't always hold it there since he has to allow for weather and related events. Mr. McCraw stated that he tries to hold it within a certain range, and explained the risks associated with keeping the lake at 990 all the time. He further explained that he tries to lower the lake slightly prior to rain instead of keeping the lake as high as possible and increasing potential for emergencies and opening of the flood gates.

After review and discussion of the standard operating procedure at the dam, the board agreed to continue with the process that is currently being used at the dam, sighting silt and boathouse issues as potential causes for changes in lake accessibility and perceived lake level changes.

Discussion Concerning Shoreline Lengths for Lake Structures and Possible Changes in Chapter 94 - Lake Structures Regulations

The Town's environmental management officer, Clint Calhoun, reviewed a recent case concerning interpretation of the Lake Use Regulations relating to shoreline lengths and building moorings (boathouses, slips and docks).

The board discussed creating a chart in the Lake Structure Regulations so residents can easily determine the potential use for properties with specific shoreline distances.

Mr. Calhoun agreed to work with Gary Johnson, Blaine Cox and Stephen Webber to draft a proposed revision to the Lake Structure Regulations.

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Discussion Concerning a Possible Dredging Mailing

The board discussed a proposed mailing to be sent to citizens to inform them that the lake is scheduled to be lowered, including dates, along with information that may assist citizens in getting projects completed while the lake is lowered.

The board agreed that the following should be included in the proposed document:

- who to contact concerning projects
- what types of projects can done and how to obtain permits
- information concerning citizens getting permits in to so they can get on the town's DWQ permit
- lake level (maintained level and why, explain the boards theory that silt and sediment may be issues causing lake level changes)

Chairman Mark Helms agreed to draft the proposed letter and send it to the board members for review to be considered for approval at a later meeting.

Board members discussed the depth of newly installed aerators and the power source for the aerators.

Continue Discussion of Non-motorized Boat Traffic and Safety

Gary Johnson presented information outlining the increasing number of non-motorized boat permits issued this year and expressed concerns about safety of non-motorized boaters.

Those present agreed that there seems to be lower motorized traffic this year (other than holidays) and the board agreed to discuss increasing numbers of non-motorized boats at a later meeting.

Open Action Items:

Open Actions	Owner	Update
Lakefront Owners / Contractors Pamphlet	Dean	Working with Valerie and Mark
Advertisements on Lake Regulations Brochure	Bill & Dan	
Lake Use Regulations Sections 1.52(A)	Dean & Derek	
Lake Structure Regulations Shoreline Lengths Clarification Amendment		

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Open Actions	Owner	Update
Lake Lowering Letter	Mark	The board will review a draft letter at the next meeting

Closed Action Items:

Closed Actions	Owner	Update
Dredging: multi-year strategy, plan and budget recommendations	Dean & Joe	Recommended plan drafted

Board Recommendations to the Council / Marine Commission:

Recommendation	Date	Status
Lake Commercial License Approvals and 10% increase in boat permit fees earmarked for dredging.	12/2/13	Enacted by the Marine Commission
Amendments to Lake Structures Regulations (clarifying the definition of marina and side lot line extensions)	1/6/14	Clint drafted amendments adopted by council 3/11/14
Allow a new fishing guide business to be added to approved Commercial License for 2014 (Jason Rice)	2/3/14	Marine Commission approved 4/8/14
Fishing Regulations to match state regs	3/3/14	Marine Commission approved 4/8/14
Lake Use Regulations Sections 1.51(E)(4)	4/7/14	Marine Commission to review when 1.52(A) revision is complete
Dredging: multi-year strategy, plan and budget recommendations	5/5/14	Town Council to review