

Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

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The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Lake Lure Municipal Center on Monday, the 3rd day of October, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Joe Pritchett
Gary Johnson
Gary Hasenfus
Dan Breneman
Bill Ashman
Sonya Ledford
Dean Givens, Dir. Lake Ops.
Mgmt. Officer
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)

Non-Attending Members:

Call to Order:

Chairperson Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of the minutes:

Joe Pritchett made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 regular meeting. Bill Ashman seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Department – Dean Givens reviewed the department's report that was sent to board members by email prior to the meeting.

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Council Liaison Report:

Commissioner Silvey stated that the Marine Commission voted to lower the lake in 2016 for repairs at the dam as recommended by the LAB as well in 2017 to keep with the regular lake

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lowering schedule. Commissioner Silvey also informed the Board that the bids received for the boathouse property near the dam were rejected until there is a clear plan from NCDOT concerning replacement of the bridge at the dam.

Special Topics:

a) Discussion of Fees for Commercial Categories and Continue Discussion of Need for Specific Rules for Commercial Categories

Board members discussed the following potential regulation for tour boats:

- 1) No tour boats in no-wake zone including coves and under bridges except to pick up or drop off passengers
- 2) All tour boats must drop to idle speed 30 yards before the choke point “bottle neck”
- 3) All tour boats should stay to the center of the main channel when possible
- 4) Tour boat operators must attend town mandated class

Gary Hasenfus agreed to work on drafting a potentially amend the Lake Use Regulations to include these regulations for the Board to consider for recommendation to the Marine Commission at the next regular meeting.

Lake Operations Director Dean Givens reviewed a list of potential commercial boat permit fees emailed to board members prior to the meeting including options such as a flat fee of \$700 for all commercial boat permit and the possibility of inverting the current fee schedule.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the board to direct the board’s sub-committee to meet with Town Manager Ron Nalley, Lake Operations Director Dean Givens and Finance Officer Sam Karr to draft potential options for commercial boat permit rates to present to the Board.

Review and Consider Recommendation of a Proposed Revision to Lake Use Regulations Concerning Permit Fees for Exempt

Mr. Givens gave an overview of a proposed amendment to the Lake Use Regulations that would exempt government agencies and contractors providing a lake-related service being from boat permit fees when they are operating in an official capacity. Following discussion, Gary Johnson made a motion to recommend the proposed revision to the Lake Use Regulations. Joe Pritchett seconded and the vote of approval was unanimous.

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Lake Use Regulations

Section 1.51 Permit Fee; Boating Permit Required

Section 1.51 (D)

- (1) Federal, State and Local governmental agencies are exempt from this Section provided they are operating in an official capacity, including but not limited to training, research, data collection, emergency response, or other service related duties. Complimentary permits will be provided for the dates and times needed to perform their official duties, and will only require a valid registration. Vessel length restrictions shall not be imposed. Vessels permitted under this policy shall not be used for recreational activities.
- (2) Contractors providing a lake-related service to the Town of Lake Lure under a Town sponsored project will receive a complimentary boat permit. Valid registration and insurance will be required. Vessel length restrictions shall not be imposed. Vessels permitted under this policy shall not be used for recreational activities.

Renumber Subsequent Sections

Public Forum:

Commissioner Stephen Webber stated that the Marine Commission did appreciate the Board's recommendation concerning the 2017 commercial license and that the Lake Advisory Board's hard work is appreciated.

Ester Lusk asked if there is any restriction as to how close boats can anchor on the lake near a boathouse. Mr. Helms explained that unless the boat trespasses on private property, it is just a matter of courtesy.

Adjournment: Gary Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35p.m. Dan Breneman seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Andrea H. Calvert, Town Clerk