

Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting -



The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Lake Lure Municipal Center on Monday, the 13th day of November, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Dan Breneman
Sonya Ledford
Joe Pritchett
Gary Johnson (via phone)
Dean Givens, Dir. Lake Ops.
Clint Calhoun, Environmental Management Officer
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)

Non-Attending Members:

Gary Hasenfus
Bill Ashman

Call to Order and Agenda Review:

Chairman Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and the Board reviewed the Agenda.

Approval of the minutes:

Dan Breneman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Sonya Ledford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Department –The Board discussed the Lake Operations Department's report that was sent to board members by Lake Operations Director Dean Givens prior to the meeting. The Board also discussed dredging currently taking place in the Lake.

Town Council Liaison – Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey discussed the activities of Town Council and the Marine Commission and stated that the next Marine Commission meeting will be held on December 12, 2017.

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Special Topics –

Discussion of Safety on the Lake – Joe Pritchett presented a copy of the “Lake Lure Boating Management Plan Review and Recommendations” dated December 2006 and read his letter titled “Questions with Respect to Changing the Model” and asked that the letter be made part to the minutes of the Lake Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Pritchett reviewed his observations concerning activity on the Lake and suggested that a specific plan for addressing safety concerns related to increased boat use on the Lake be created.

The Board discussed the expectation from the Marine Commission that Lake enforcement should be friendly and give warnings. Members of the Lake Advisory Board believe that giving citations, when warranted, may be a more effective way to achieve boater compliance with the Lake Use Regulations.

Mr. Pritchett agreed to go through bulleted information and make a recommendation concerning boat safety on the Lake at the December 4, 2017 meeting of the Lake Advisory Board.

Board Member Areas of Responsibility Reports:

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Joe Pritchett stated that part of the Lake Advisory Board’s recommendation to Town Council concerning dredging included assistance to areas of the Lake outside of the main channel. Mr. Pritchett reported that dredging that was done at Rumbling Bald on the west side is working great, but now that east side is filling in and will need to be addressed.

Public Forum

No one requested to speak during public forum.

Adjournment: Sonya Ledford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. Joe Pritchett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Andrea H. Calvert, Town Clerk

Questions with respect to changing the Model

The model is described in the 2006 Lake Lure Boating Management Plan. If any changes have been made, please provide in writing.

Assuming resident motorized boats greater than ten horsepower are not reduced, please explain or answer, also in writing, the following:

1. The 2006 report entitled "Lake Lure Boating Management Plan" is long, with many recommendations as to how to manage resident enjoyment, boat density and safety. The report (on page 14) calls the model reasonable. In all recommendations made, the report never recommends or even mentions, changes to the model. Please explain why you believe changing the model addresses or solves these issues.
2. At our last meeting, reference was made that the model could manage commercial non-motorized boats. People visiting Lake Lure with their own non-motorized boats are able obtain to daily, weekly, or yearly permits. These permits are unlimited. Please explain how the model, with changes you make can manage the number, when, where and how long these commercial non-motorized boats are on the Lake. Additionally, provide the same information for all non-motorized boats rented by Lake Lure Tours and other commercial operators on the Lake.
3. At our last meeting, reference was also made that the model could manage a 10% increase in usage by the same number of commercial motorized boats. Please explain and provide changes the accomplish this.
4. Please explain and show what changes in the model can be made that control the actions of livery boats on Lake Lure. Namely, how can the model manage the when, where how long, and how fast actions of livery boats on Lake Lure.

It is important to note that in 2006 or 2007, the Lake Advisory Board recommend and the Marine Commission approved that livery boats could no longer participate in towed activities. This was done in response to public opinion and the 2006 report. No mention was made of changing the model.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Pritchett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Pritchett, Lake Advisory Board Secretary

