

# Town of Lake Lure Lake Advisory Committee

## - Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting -

The Lake Advisory Committee (LAC) held their regular monthly meeting at the Town of Lake Lure Municipal Center on 1st day of October, 2007 at 6:30 pm.

**Attendees:**

Blaine Cox  
Bob Keith  
Bo Williams  
Gary Hasenfus  
Wiley Bourne  
Russ Pitts (Council Liaison)

**Non-Attending Members:**

Chris Braund (secretary & v-ch)

**Guests:**

Officer Dean Givens

**General Meeting Actions:**

- Blaine Cox called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- The minutes of the September LAC meeting were reviewed and approved as written
- Russ distributed a description of a “meeting process” for the LAC to follow and requested that we attempt to adhere to Robert’s Rules.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

**Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:****Lake Structures – Wiley Bourne reported:**

- No formal report. Wiley expressed concern about a Tryon Bay resident’s letter regarding use of R1 property for launching boats for adjoining development (Highlands Phase Four). Russ said he would send LAC members a copy of the Garlon Prewitt letter to the town and his personal response. It was agreed that the Lake Use and Structures Regulations would be reviewed to assure that this situation was covered.

**Fish & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:**

- As a result of the recent study, we would prepare reefs (Christmas trees) in late Winter, early Spring and stock sunfish, probably bluegills but no trout. In the near term, we would build a bass fishery and population.
- We reviewed the recent fishkill again and determined that there was no new information to suggest that the kill was other than a result of warmer water and lack of dissolved oxygen as originally reported. We have been losing more surface water than usual through evaporation. We have been releasing water when possible to increase the amount of oxygen down stream.

**Dredging – Chuck Place submitted the following report:**

- No Report

**Emergency Preparedness – Bob Keith**

- Bob reported that the Fireboat was used extensively for the recent fire in Lake Lure Villages and adjacent to Sugarbush Road. Although the house was a total loss, the fire was contained from

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spreading to the woods and houses up on Sugarbush. Also, Bob was called by a resident about a dead deer floating in the lake just outside the Lake Lure Villages stream. Town maintenance folks were dispatched the following day to remove the deer

### **Dam Operations, Sewer System, Water Quality – Blaine Cox submitted the following report:**

- Here are the September fecal testing results. Only Pool Creek, Marina and Beach show results worth noting.

<b>Sampling Location</b>	<b>Colonies Per 100ml</b>
Pool Creek	34
Town Bay	41
River	58
Firefly Cove	31
Gray Logs	52
Garner Cove	7
Tryon Bay	19
Dam	2
Picnic Point Cove	8
Havners Cove	8
Bald Mtn. Bay	7
Big Water	5

- Blaine reported that as a result of a repair to a major leak in a pipe in the middle of the lake, the flow rate at the plant is down some 240K gallons/day which is significant. Although this was impressive, William Grimes feels that they would be lucky to find another 100K. Average effluent flow rate per day is approximately 300K.

- Blaine also stated that he had informed Theresa of lake structures that need fixing. Russ indicated that the Council had requested that town officials send out alerts for structure violations

- Russ mentioned the installation of the replacement valve has been delayed at the request of him and Jeanine because they never got supporting engineering data as to the valve benefit. They have hired an alternate firm

### **VWIN Coordinator – Bo Williams reported:**

- Bo stated that the report was not back yet. Bo distributed it via email a few days later.

### **Recreation & Commercial Activities – Bo Williams reported:**

- That marine commercial packets for licensing were sent out.
- That Lake Lure Tours is changing out all the props on the tour boats which should result in quieter operation and may create less wake.

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- Bo stated that Lake Lure Tours will make offer to put in some additional dockage and put up proper signage. They would be asking for launching non-motorized boats at the ABC Store and extend the lower pier at the marina to allow multiple motorized boat launches. This would be a “hot dock” providing three spaces instead of one. Wiley made a motion that the LAC support the request by Lake Lure Tours to add additional dockage for temporary mooring. This was passed unanimously.
- There is a request in from Camp Care for use of the lake. It was felt that we need to clarify our position by the November meeting to avoid all the adverse publicity the town got last year.
- Wiley questioned the speed of tour boats in Firefly Cove. Bo said he didn’t think it was a problem but would investigate and fix it

### Law Enforcement – Chris Braund reported:

- Lake patrol statistics to date (next page):

<b>2007 Police Log</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOT
Lake – Alcohol Violation													0
Lake – Boat Permit Check				26	39	19	0	12					96
Lake – Boater Assist				1	0	0	0	1					2
Lake – Boating While Impaired					1								1
Lake – Breaking Wake Violation								5					5
Lake – Civil Citation				1	6	1	8	7					23
Lake – Cove Check	54	0	0	331	539	587	598	900					3009
Lake – Fishing License Check				24	28	6	0	3					61
Lake – Life Jacket Violation							2	3					5
Lake – Ordinance Violation													0
Lake – Overturned Boat							1						1
Lake – Patrol	2	0	0	17	32	35	35	48					169
Lake – Reckless Boater								1					1
Lake – Pulling Too Many On a Tube							5	7					12
Lake – Safety Check				2	36	11	13	0					62
Lake – Skiing Violation								1					1
Lake – Stranded Boat				2	1	1	0	1					5
Lake – Towed Stranded Boat					1	0	2	1					4
Lake – Unauthorized Swimmer							1	10					11
Lake – Verbal Warning					1	1	7	16					25
Lake – Warning Citation					1	1	1	4					7
<b>TOTAL PATROL HOURS</b>							63						63

### Recap of Motions Passed:

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- A motion by Wiley to support a request by Lake Lure Tours to add additional dockage at the marina to permit multiple boat launches was approved unanimously

### **General:**

When asked about the hiring of a Lake Manager, Russ said that they were working on two job descriptions; one for a Lake Operations Administrator which would be a job learning period and transition to the second job description of Lake Operations Director. They plan to post in October and would send email to Chuck Place on this matter. Russ reminded us that there was a position open on the LAC and that if we knew of any candidates to have them submit the necessary paperwork,

### **Action Items:**

- [Russ] Initiate the process for the Town Council to appoint a replacement member of the LAC.
- [Chris] Direct the town staff to move the Snug Harbor buoy back to its prior location in front of the Lamm boathouse. Also: respond to the 3 requestors of new buoys (Robbins, Nettles, Lloyd) that their request has been received and will be evaluated during the winter season, subsequent to the hiring of the lake operations director.
- [Russ] Discuss the Camp Care 2008 boat permit application with the Mayor and will provide direction to the town staff.
- [Chris] Draft revised language for commercial boating in the Lake Use regulation and the LAC will review at our next meeting. The purpose is to remove the ambiguity in the definition of what constitutes a commercial boating activity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Braund, Secretary LAC