

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

**Attendees:**

Bo Williams (vice-chair)  
Wiley Bourne  
Harvey Harris  
Gary Hasenfus  
Robin Proctor  
Dean Givens (LOA)  
Jeanine Noble (council liaison)

**Non-Attending Members:**

Chris Braund (chairperson)  
(Participated via telephone)

**Guests:**

Blaine Cox

**General Meeting Actions:**

- Vice-Chairperson Bo Williams called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- After discussion, Wiley Bourne made a motion, seconded by Robin Proctor, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2008 regular meeting as written. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- Lake Operations Administrator, Dean Givens Reported on lake activities.
- Report from Council Liaison.
- Discussed special topic items, including the reduction of maximum permissible pontoon boat lengths and ordinance amendments addressing out-of-compliance lake structures.
- Reviewed open action items.
- Harvey Harris made a motion, seconded by Wiley Bourne, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

**Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:****Lake Operations Administrator – Dean Givens reported:**

- Carp removal plans – he has contacted a man from Rutherfordton that would be willing to come, remove the carp from the lake, take them away and put them into his personal lake.
- Blue Ridge Ecological expressed that the lake needed to reduce the quantity of bass fish below 12”in length and above 18”in length. Dean suggested the idea of a one day bass fishing tournament to help with the over population. Bo suggested that Dean draft a letter of regulations and criteria for the tournament then email it to the LAB. This would be discussed at a future meeting.
- Lake dredging started today and that Lake Norman Dredging was willing to dredge around houses at the home owners request and responsibility.
- The fuel pump for the marina which was discussed during the February meeting has been installed and is working, although regulations require that it only be on during the marina’s hours of operation.
- Dean recommends the LAB look into the wording of boat permits being “annual”, meaning valid for a calendar year (January 1 to December 31), not 1 year from the purchase date. Chris and Dean were assigned an action to identify the language needed on the annual boat permits and in the annual guide to lake rules.
- Bo requested a definition of public docks and a time limit for parking at the docks. Jeanine requested LAB recommendations on where short-term docking should be permissible on town

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property (e.g., near the gazebo?) and Robin suggested limiting parking to a specific time. Chris was assigned an action to put this on the agenda for a future meeting.

- Dean discussed the adjustments that are to be made to the no wake buoys correct where they have been moved or misplaced.

<b>2008 Police Patrol Log</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOT
Lake – Alcohol Violation													0
Lake – Boat Permit Check													0
Lake – Boater Assist													0
Lake – Boating While Impaired													0
Lake – Breaking Wake Violation													0
Lake – Civil Citation													0
Lake – Cove Check		127											127
Lake – Fishing License Check													0
Lake – Life Jacket Violation													0
Lake – Ordinance Violation													0
Lake – Overturned Boat													0
Lake – Patrol		10											10
Lake – Reckless Boater													0
Lake – Pulling Too Many On a Tube													0
Lake – Safety Check													0
Lake – Skiing Violation													0
Lake – Stranded Boat		1											1
Lake – Towed Stranded Boat													0
Lake – Unauthorized Swimmer													0
Lake – Verbal Warning													0
Lake – Warning Citation													0
TOTAL PATROL HOURS													0

### **Council Liaison - Jeanine Noble Reported:**

- Nothing to report

### **Lake Structures - Wiley Bourne Reported:**

- Wiley recommended scheduling a meeting in April before going out on the boat tour and LAB members agreed. At this meeting, the group will review recommended amendments to provide regulation for multi-dwelling lake structures.

### **Emergency Preparedness & Response – Bob Keith Reported:**

*[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]*

- The Fireboat was used successfully as a waterpoint last month in the fire in Lake Lure Village Resort.

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### **Harvey Harris reported:**

- There will be a meeting of the LLLOA Cove Captains on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m. until 12p.m. at Fire Station #2.
- There will be a workshop on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9a.m. at the Town Hall, presented by the Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Program. Topics include Conservation Tools for Landowners, Planning a Drought-Tolerant Landscape, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in North Carolina, Land Use Impacts and Stormwater, and Native Plants.

*[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]*

- As reported by Dean Givens on 2/27/08 in his email to me "the dredging project is underway, Rick Miller 'Lake Norman Dredging' will start on Monday 03/03/2008 in the Marina Bay, and work towards the Laurel Landing Cove, then the Broad River" channel.
- Watershed Stabilization: the Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Committee met on 2/6/08. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:
  - 1 Reviewed Cost Share Projects which included the status of two stream bank restoration projects.
  - 2 Discussed administrative issues. Program has funding through 2009, but Committee Chair, Barbara Meliski, asked members to help determine future direction for UBRWPP (program objectives and funding sources).
  - 3 An education workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 9AM-12:30PM at the Town municipal center. The purpose of the workshop is to "provide information to landowners on ways they can protect the natural resources of their property".
  - 4 The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 9AM at the Town Hall. This meeting will focus on long term strategic planning for UBRWPP.

### **Dam Operations, Sewer System, Water Quality – Robin Proctor reported:**

- At this time, the sewer capacity problem is not fixed and there is no firm timeline as to when the problem will be resolved.

*[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]*

- Water quality- working on a SOP for conducting fecal coliform tests. Also looking into other types of tests for water quality that may be appropriate. Had a meeting with Dean and Tony to discuss how and when samples are collected and analyzed currently.
- Sewer- All new connections to the sewer plant have been halted (even those previously approved but have not hooked in yet). The capacity specified in the SOC has been reached. The town is waiting for the tank to be pumped (is scheduled for next week). After tank is cleaned, the repairs to the vacuum system can be made. These are scheduled for the week after next. When this is completed, the intention is to make an amendment to the SOC to allow greater capacity that the system will handle. When that occurs, new connections should then be allowed.

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

- The Christmas tree project worked well to create new underwater fish habitat.

*[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]*

- Regarding Fish & Eco, please see my comments in the March issue of the Lake Lure News and Views. The tree reefs were deposited over a two day period in February with the help of Jerry Webb and Gary Blenden. I have had several conversations with Ben Salter from Blue Ridge @ no charge. Total monies spent for the Christmas tree reefs was \$62...cinder blocks and rope. Dean and I have have had lengthy discussions regarding the recommendations made by Blue Ridge..we will continue to address these issues.

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

- The town marina is currently open Saturdays and Sundays from 10a.m. to 5p.m. Bo is thinking of lengthening hours during the Easter holiday. From April to October, the marina will be open 7 days a week.
- Bo has submitted all contractor bids to the town manager for the new public docks. Both contractors estimate that the docks could be finished by late April or early May, but the project cannot move forward until the next town council meeting.
- Chris stated the concern expressed by one lake resident as to the potential use of the dragon boats other throughout the summer and in areas of the lake other than the river channel. The group reiterated that Marine Commission approval for the dragon boat program is limited to the race-related events in the river channel in May.

*[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]*

- Update from Doug Long on the Dragon Boat Festival
  1. Anticipate we will have a full slate of 28 teams. Know of 17 forming now. About 6 will be traveling teams from other cities. Early bird deadline for team registration is March 28th.
  2. Four dragon boats just reached port of Portland, OR. Expect arrival in Lake Lure by end of March. Media coverage planned.
  3. We are renting the four boats to Lafayette. LA for their race on April 5th. Good income for us.
  4. Festival entertainment is almost lined up. Asian and American music and dance
  5. Food vendors, including state award-winning BBQ-er, Japanese and Chinese, LL Lions doing burgers and dogs all set
  6. We still anticipate 1200+ (300 paddlers, 900 spectators)
  7. Having trouble getting corporate sponsors, but still hopeful for 3-4
  8. WLOS/13 has indicated they will cover the event as news story if possible ( boat arrival, practice sessions, race day)
  9. Excellent local community awareness and support

### **Special Topics**

#### ***Discussion of possible reduction of maximum permissible pontoon boat lengths***

- Chris asked how to deal with grandfathering boats if the rules in the length are changed.

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- Chris asked the LAB to consider what they feel that the appropriate size of a pontoon for the lake is.
- Bo suggested having the same rules regarding size and speed for all commercial tour boats
- Harvey brought up the question: if a grandfathered boat was to be sold to another lake property owner, is it still grandfathered or would it then be unusable on the lake once it had been sold? The consensus of the LAB was that it should no longer be grandfathered and therefore unusable on the lake if it was sold.
- The LAB feels that they should be considering a return to a standard length of 26' if this was once in place. The LAB will do some research of the history of the previous length rules of the lake and bring that information back to the table at a later date.
- Chris stated that it would be possible to consider over-length commercial boats on a business-to-business and boat-to-boat basis annually as part of the lake commercial licensing program.
- Dean stated that the town boats should be exempt on the size restriction (e.g., fireboat), but should still come before the LAB or the Marine Commission for approval.
- The board suspended this discussion pending research on the size restriction of pontoons.

### ***Discussion of ordinance amendments addressing out-of-compliance lake structures***

- The grandfathering provisions of the zoning regulations are not in place in the lake structures ordinance. Commissioner Russ Pitts has suggested we recommend language that articulates how to handle structures that are out-of-compliance (either currently or will be made so by future lake structure ordinance amendments).
- This will be discussed by a subcommittee, working with Mike Egan and Chris Callahan, then brought back before the LAB at a future meeting.

### **Recap of Motions Passed:**

- None

### **Board Action Items:**

Open Actions	Owner	Update
Identify the language needed on the annual boat permits and in the annual guide to lake rules. Make recommendations on where short-term docking should be permissible on town property (e.g., near the gazebo?) and parking time limitations, definition of public docking. (3/08)	Dean & Chris	
Convene an LAB subcommittee to meet with town attorneys and develop grandfathering provisions for the Lake Structures regulations. (3/08)	Chris	

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Open Actions	Owner	Update
Prepare draft Standard Operating Procedures manual chapters for each area of responsibility. (3/08)	All LAB members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Templates provided (March)</li> </ul>
Obtain signage for the non-motorized boat launch ramp near the ABC store. (1/08)	Bo & Dean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The signage for the non-motorized boat launch ramp near the ABC store and for the public docks should be ready in the April/May time frame.</li> </ul>
Prepare and submit the draft Lake Advisory Committee bylaws for review and approval by the town council/marine commission. (1/08)	Chris	
Closed Actions	Owner	Update
Draft an initial version of committee member responsibilities [by area] (12/07)	Chris	Distributed to all Board members, included in draft Charter/Bylaws
Work with town staff and police department to communicate the elimination of the winter catch & release period. (12/07)	Gary	Done
Request support from town staff in preparing minutes from tape recordings of LAC meetings. (1/08)	Chris	Done
Provide standard operating procedures templates to each member for their area of responsibility. (2/08)	Chris	Done

Respectfully submitted,

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