

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 5th day of May, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Attendees:

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

Non-Attending Members:

Wiley Bourne
Bob Keith

Guests:

Blaine Cox
Commissioner Russ Pitts
Mary Kelly
Jim Kelly

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairperson Chris Braund called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- After discussion, Bo Williams made a motion, seconded by Robin Proctor, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2008 regular meeting as written. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- Public Forum: Mary Kelly presented a letter to the LAB regarding commercial boat licenses associated with her rental property.
- Lake Operations Administrator Dean Givens Reported on lake activities.
- Dean Givens and Gary Hasenfus commented on the meeting that they & Steve Wheeler attended with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission.
- Robin Proctor spoke about the sewer & water quality in the lake.
- Harvey Harris made a motion, seconded by Robin Proctor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

- Mary Kelly submitted a letter to the LAB concerning her application for a commercial boat permit for her residence, because she is now going to be renting her property and would like to be able to get commercial permit for 1 motorized boat and 1 non-motorized (canoe) to go along with the rental of her property.
- Chris stated that the town staff could issue the non-motorized permit for the canoe, but the LAB would need to review the impact of their motorized boat application on the commercial capacity model. The LAB would discuss this at their June meeting and submit a recommendation to the Marine Commission for their July meeting. Chris also stated he would look into any possibility of expediting the recommendation.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Administrator – Dean Givens reported:

- Dean, Gary and Steve met with NC Wildlife Resources Commission and said that their recommendation was that the town's money for stocking the lake would be better used to build or

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buy fish habitats. NC Wildlife is willing to talk on the phone or meet with us at anytime to help, but will not come out to the lake and offer any assistance.

- The Dredging is scheduled to be completed this month.
 - Dean commented on the past weekend's event with Todd's RV & Marine. He was not at all happy with several items. Dean had set up a meeting on Thursday to go over the rules for the lake; the meeting was completely disregarded by Todd's staff. Dean rescheduled the meeting for Friday morning. Two employees showed up, but again the owner missed the meeting. When Dean finally met with the owner, Dean was given plenty of attitude. All in all, Dean was very disappointed and would not recommend providing them boat permits if they were to hold future sales events in Lake Lure.
 - The LAB requested Dean to prepare a letter to the LAB & Marine Commission on his problems with Todd's RV & Marine.
 - Dean gave a police report of:
 - 369 Cove Checks
 - 14 Patrols
 - 7 Permit Checks
 - 8 Safety Checks
- Lake Administrator:
- 3 Tows
 - 4 Wake Warnings
 - 2 No Permit Warnings
 - 1 Citation for No Permit
 - 1 Assist with EMS at Tryon Bay
 - 1 Assist to Lake Lure Tours (getting sick passenger off of the boat)
- Dean is now trained on the Fire Boat and will be able to assist in emergencies.
 - Elizabeth Iwaoka has requested new buoys or to have the existing one moved out a little further. Dean will look into the situation.

Council Liaison Report: No Report

Dredging – Harvey Harris reported:

[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]

- Dean Givens in his 4/24/08 email to me reports "dredging is on track".
- Clint Calhoun, in his 4/24/08 email to me, advised "I did issue a Notice of Violation with a civil penalty assessment this week for a failure to obtain a land disturbance permit and trout buffer violation. Also, the LOA and I have been working on creating a shoreline inventory database to get a handle on existing structures, trout buffer quality, etc. We are currently in the first phase of data gathering. This will help us in numerous ways as far as code enforcement and lake use is concerned".
- Also, the Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Committee met on 4/10/08. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:
 - 1 Discussed various cost share projects, including the bulk hydroseeding effort in Lake Lure.

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- 2 As part of strategic planning for the UBRWPP, two goal categories were identified: erosion and community education. Also, reviewed two potential future funding sources.
- 3 Discussed if UBRWPP should establish a new boundary to incorporate impaired area below Lake Lure's dam (section of river which runs down to River Rd. below Cove Creek). After reviewing pros and cons, a motion was unanimously passed to petition UBRWPP grantors to expand boundaries to west side of Cove Creek according to natural sub-basin lines. Also, unanimously passed a motion to petition grantors as part of work conducted under existing grants to include stormwater retrofitting implementation, maintenance, and education on stormwater issues.
- 4 The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 9:00am at the Chimney Rock Volunteer Fire Department.

Fish & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- The Town Marina needs new roof & would like to know if it would be possible to add 4-6 more moorings at the Marina. Bo commented that, when the topic had been raised in the past, he was told the town was not interested in pursuing expansion. He added that a dock extension or better bumper system around the gas dock would increase safety.
- Russ Pitts suggested Dean check into adjusting the pump where you can see the display from both sides of the pump.
- Gary brought up the idea that the name of the Town Marina could be changed to the Washburn marina to honor the family. Gary is not ready to make a motion on that but just wants the LAB to think on the subject.

Commercial & Recreational – Bo Williams reported:

- Discussion on the parking plan for boats during the Dragon Boat races. Dean said that all details of that had not been discussed yet, but that during the races the fire boat and a small rescue boat will be at the site of the race. The town boat will be tied off at the mouth of the river and police boat will be at the mouth of the river manned with a reserve officer.
- Bo said that the public docks should be ready before the season begins. There have been a few delays, but they are still on schedule to be finished before season.
- Chris stated that they are still working on the Lake Structure grandfathering language.

[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]

- Update on the Dragon Boat races (as of 4/29/08)
 1. 23 teams, 260+ paddlers. 19 local teams and 4 traveling in teams
 2. Met with Ron Morgan, Chief Hester, and Dean Givens to plan event management
 3. Will meet with these three again next week
 4. Due to very good media interest and coverage, statewide, regionally and locally, we are expecting 1000 to 1500 people
 5. We have 65 volunteers to run the event, in addition to our professional race contractor -- USA Dragon Boating (team of 10 people coming in)
 6. I have asked William Grimes to try to keep the pond at it's normal level for race week. Lower water level can create an unsafe load-in and out of the teams

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- from the town dock. This may mean re locating this activity to the river bank. He will do his best
7. We are expecting the dredging to be finished by May 5, beginning of practice week, or at least out of the race channel (mayor's dock to town dock)
 8. Team practices begin on Monday, May 5th, with most practice session running from 4pm to 8pm. each day
 9. Every paddler must sign an insurance waiver before they can enter a boat, even for practices
 10. Town of Lake Lure is an indemified agent of the insurance policy coverage.
 11. Plans are being made to provide satellite parking at Lake Lure Baptist Church, with shuttle service. Also around the Town Center/LL Inn & Spa
 12. The festival aspects are all in place--- food vendors, crafters, corporate exhibitors, entertainment, inflatable playground
- Last weekend we had the Todd Marine Boat Show. It had very light traffic on Friday and Saturday. They seemed busier on Sunday.
 - Thanks to Dean for his response in assisting a sick passenger on one of the Tour boats Sunday.
 - FYI the Marina is now a dealer for Old Town canoes and kayaks as well as Ocean (sit on top) Kayaks.

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

- The sewer system is still not working correctly. The no hook-ups policy is still in effect and it's looking like things are not going to be fixed anytime soon.
- Russ Pitts stated that, when a camera inspection was done to the sewer lines, sand and grease were both found in the lines.
- We now have GPS locations of all lines and main pipes, including sediment depressions and connections in the lines. If there is ever a leak, we can drop a listening device down, find the problem and now fix it on the spot.
- Robin, Dean, Tony, and Gary went out on Monday and collected water samples. Fecal readings in the beach area were higher than normal, attributed to the Canadian Geese in the area.
- By having UNCA run the water sample analysis, the cost savings were significant; Robin hopes that this can be done more often.
- Russ stated that maybe getting rid of the peninsula would deter the birds. The purpose of the peninsula was to divert cold water that was coming out of the creek; Russ said that maybe there could be a pipe installed to divert the water.
- Blaine stated that there were approximately 6 Canadian geese 6 years ago, now we have approximately 34, with an additional 30-40 goslings. Discussion of how we as a community can pull together and get rid of these birds.
- Bo said another option to help dilute any fecal matter in the beach area would be to cut a trench though the peninsula. The peninsula, which was not part of the original configuration of the lake, insulates the beach area from the cool, freshwater flow of the creek. It also, however, blocks the flow of fresh water that is useful in circulating the beach water and keeping bacteria counts down. The beach is continually challenged by high fecal bacteria counts, whether from the geese, buzzards or people. The Board feels that restoring a portion of the creek flow into the beach would yield benefits. To evaluate, an initial approach could be to carve a trench and line it with riprap. Ultimately, a large culvert could be installed if full access to the peninsula is desired. Bo made the motion: *The Lake Advisory Board recommends that the town install a channel through the peninsula that separates the beach area from the mouth of Pool Creek.*
- Gary seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

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Law Enforcement – Chris Braund reported:

- Nothing to report

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Bob Keith Reported:

- No report

Lake Structures - Wiley Bourne Reported:

- No report

Additional Items:

- Harvey suggested a system to identify items that get lost on the lake (e.g., docks or platforms that float away)

Recap of Motions Passed:

- The Lake Advisory Board recommends that the town install a channel through the peninsula that separates the beach area from the mouth of Pool Creek.

Open 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	
Prepare draft Standard Operating Procedures manual chapters for each area of responsibility. (3/08)	All LAB members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Templates provided (March)
Obtain signage for the non-motorized boat launch ramp near the ABC store. (1/08)	Bo & Dean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The signage should be ready on Thursday

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Open Actions	Owner	Update
Prepare and submit the draft Lake Advisory Committee bylaws for review and approval by the town council/marine commission. (1/08)	Chris	
Prepare a letter to the LAB & Marine Commission on his problems with Todd's RV & Marine. (5/08)	Dean	
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,

Lindsay Guffey
Administrative Assistant