

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 1st day of December, 2008 at 5:35 p.m.

Attendees:

Chris Braund (chair) {by phone}
Bo Williams (vice-chair)
Wiley Bourne
Harvey Harris
Gary Hasenfus
Bob Keith
Jeanine Noble (council liaison)
Robin Proctor
Dean Givens

Non-Attending Members:**Guests:**

Blaine Cox
Russ Pitts

General Meeting Actions:

- Vice Chair, Bo Williams, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- After brief discussion, Harvey Harris made a motion, seconded by Wiley Bourne, to approve the minutes of the November, 2008 regular meeting as written. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- See below for individual reports
- Robin Proctor made a move to adjourn the meeting at 6:50p.m., seconded by Bob Keith. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

- No report

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

- Dean is getting some figures together regarding geese control; he will bring those before this Board at a later date when he has all information collected. Bo suggested that there be a designated day for “police removal” during hunting season.
- The process of reviewing and applications for lake commercial licenses for the 2009 season is complete. Dean distributed several reports summarizing the applicant businesses, boats and lake capacity impacts. Dean recommended to the LAB that all but three (3) of the applications be approved. The three recommended denials are:
 - Camp Care, for the same reasons as in years past (insufficient capacity in the model for additional commercial ski boats during the summer season; concern for safety and overcrowding during the week of July 4th)
 - Kenneth Appling of Greystone Manor, due to his continued disregard of lake regulations by his rental guests and a lack of adequate response in rental management and boater orientation.
 - Mary Soule Kelly, for allowing commercial boating by rental guests before and after the Marine Commission denied her 2008 license.

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Robin Proctor made a motion that the Lake Advisory Board accepts the recommended approvals and denials as discussed and instructs Dean to present them to the Marine Commission. The motion was seconded by Wiley Bourne and was approved unanimously. For the three recommended denials, the Board instructed Dean to send each a letter outlining the Board's recommendation and alerting them to their opportunity to speak directly to the Marine Commission at next week's meeting.

Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison – Jeanine Noble reported:

- No Report

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Bob Keith reported:

- No Report

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Harvey Harris reported:

- At the last meeting of the Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Committee, there was discussion on Land Preservation Projects and a list of priority land owners who own tracts of land that have been identified as lands of preservation or restoration was distributed. Committee members were asked that if they know any of these land owners to try to get them interested and encourage them to set their lands aside.
- A new MOU was signed for the principals that support that committee
- The committee wants to take some water samples from several different river locations to determine if there are any harmful bacteria; a sub-committee will be put together to do a project plan so that it's done correctly.
- Next meeting for the Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Committee will be January 21, 2009

Commercial & Recreational - Bo Williams reported:

- Lake Lure Tours ceased operation for the season yesterday (Nov. 30th). Bo advised that there is still gas available at the Marina, even though the Marina is now closed for the season. He indicated that anyone needing gas during the months of January – March can call him at (828) 674-8016 and he will meet them at the Marina. Gas prices will remain high until all the gas is sold.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- In regard to the North Carolina Wildlife Regulations that are proposed for July 1, 2009, regarding Bass slot limit changes and the lake becoming an Undesignated Trout Water, we now have good communications with the N.C. Wildlife and the internal review of our request went well – there was no opposition whatsoever to those changes because we are defaulting back to the State Regulations. From this point, it goes to a public hearing on January 13th, 2009.

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Lake Structures – Wiley Bourne reported:

- No Report

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

- Robin reported that the Sewer Plant is operating as it should be, the dam passed the turbine inspection, and that SOC should be lifted by the end of February.

Regulations & Law Enforcement - Chris Braund reported:

- Chris reminded the LAB that this would be Harvey Harris's last meeting as he is not seeking re-appointment to the Board for the 2009 season. Thanks and appreciation for Harvey's service was given by all present.

Other Business

- None

Recap of Motions Passed:

- The Lake Advisory Board accepts the recommended approvals and denials as discussed (see separate reports distributed) and instructs Dean to present them to the Marine Commission.

Open Action Items:

Open Actions	Owner	Update
After the Marine Commission meeting, prepare and send approval and denial letters to each lake commercial license applicant	Dean	
Prepare a fishery management plan that addresses a comprehensive set of activities—including fish stocking.	Gary and Dean	Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Blue Ridge Ecological recommendations▪ Discussions with NC WRC▪ Input from local fishermen▪ Budget
Convene an LAB subcommittee to meet with town attorneys and town council with the purposed of developing grandfathering provisions for the Lake Structures regulations. (3/08)	Chris	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will schedule workshop for January/February 2009
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• Law Enforcement draft completed• Dredging & Watershed stabilization draft completed

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Closed Action Items:

Closed Actions	Owner	Update
Collect lake temperature readings from VWIN; format and post to town website	Dean Chris	Done
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
Obtain signage for the non-motorized boat launch ramp near the ABC store. (1/08)	Bo & Dean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just need to add "LL boat permit required" language
Identify the language needed to clarify the "annual" on the annual boat permits and in the guide to lake rules. (3/08)	Dean & Chris	Done
Prepare a letter to the LAB & Marine Commission on his problems with Todd's RV & Marine. (5/08)	Dean	Done
Communicate to Ron Morgan and the fireboat crew the sensitivity to the wake generated by the fireboat...for other boaters, lakefront properties. They should make every effort possible to minimize high-speed runs near other boats. (6/08)	Bob	Done

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Open Recommendations to the Council / Marine Commission:

Recommendation	Date	Status
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.	May 2008	Town staff evaluated the site during the week of 10/13 – DWQ will also be consulted.
The Lake Advisory Board recommends that Town Council consider re-naming the Town Marina to the Washburn Marina in honor of the Washburn Family and their service to Lake Lure.	June 2008	Done Next action: new signage will be coordinated by the Director of Lake Operations – in the next fiscal year.
The Lake Advisory Board recommends to the Town Council (1) that the town consider banning the feeding of all waterfowl by residents and/or tourists on town property in an effort to eventually eliminate the geese problem, and (2) that the town should look into solutions for long-term geese control.	July 2008	(1) Done (2) Research being done by Director of Lake Operations
The Lake Advisory Board recommends to the Marine Commission the amendment of the fishing regulations (size and creel limits) in section 1.02 of the Lake Use Regulations to match the default statewide fishing regulations.	July 2008	Done

Respectfully submitted by:

Melissa P. Messer