

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 January, 2009 at 5:35 p.m.

Attendees:

Chris Braund (chairperson)
Bo Williams (vice-chair)
Dean Givens
Gary Hasenfus
Bob Keith
Jeanine Noble (council liaison)

Non-Attending Members:

Robin Proctor
Wiley Bourne

Guests:

Blaine Cox
Russ Pitts

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairperson Chris Braund called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.
- After discussion, Gary Hasenfus made a motion, seconded by Bo Williams, to approve the minutes of the December, 2008 regular meeting as written. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- See below for individual reports
- Bo Williams made a move to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Gary Hasenfus. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

- No Report

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

- Dean sent letters out to Camp Care, Kenneth Appling & Mary Sue Kelly to advise them of the recommendation to deny their commercial boat permits for the 2009-2010 Season. The Marine Commission upheld that recommendation for Camp Care and Kenneth Appling. Mary Sue Kelley was granted a conditional boat permit on a probationary period of one year. Approval letters for all others have gone out and people have started coming in and picking up their commercial boat permits.
- Dean stopped 13 boats the first Sunday in January for not having their 2009 boat permits. All were given warnings. The board discussed how to handle this in the future, in that all of the boats stopped belonged to lakefront owners and all but one of the boats stopped indicated that they knew that were supposed to have their permits on their boats before putting them in the water. The consensus recommendation to Dean was that a grace period up until January 15th should be observed, with the understanding that owners would be given only one warning would be given during the period.
- Dean mentioned a desire to have a stipulation in writing that says that “we reserve the right to refuse service to anyone” as a means of requiring boats to leave the lake, avoiding any loopholes in the Lake Use Procedures. The board will consider this for future evaluation.
- Dean has been elected to the Board of the North Carolina Lake Management Society.

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Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison – Jeanine Noble reported:

- No Report

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Bob Keith reported:

- No Report

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization –

- No Report

Commercial & Recreational - Bo Williams reported:

- No Report

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- We have received Christmas trees from one of our commercial guides and hope to get those in the water this week. Dean will be constructing some more of the piping for additional fish habitats.
- We still need some kind of bait fish in lake. N.C. Wildlife agrees and encourages such, and March and/or early April is the best time to do that. Dean and Gary are working on a fishery plan that would guide our spending on any stocking.
- Gary will meet with our 4 fishing guides to get their input on bait fish, and then take a summary of that to Barbara Wiggins and others, to get feedback from other Lake Managers.

Lake Structures – Wiley Bourne reported:

- No Report

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

- Russ Pits reported, in Robin's absence, that the upgrades to the Sewer Plant have been quite successful and the plant is operating more efficiently. We expect to have the SOC lifted upon its expiration at the end of February.
- The state is holding a public hearing on February 12th at Isothermal College to consider the renewal of our sewer treatment discharge permit.

Regulations & Law Enforcement - Chris Braund reported:

- Chris will be taking the position of Interim Town Manager effective the week of January 19th. A search (including the collection of resumes, interviews, etc.) for a long term Town Manager is underway with the intent to have the position filled by the end of March. Chris is a candidate for the position as well. Chris would like to remain on the Lake Advisory Board during the interim period. In the event he does not offer or accept the Town Manager position, he would like to continue on the LAB for another 2-year term, but would not seek reappointment as the Chairperson. In he remains as the Town Manager, he would resign from the LAB, thus leaving a

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position to be filled by appointment. Chris asked the Board to be thinking about the appointment process and those would be best suited for those positions.

Other Business

- Election of Officers for the upcoming year will be held at the February 2009 Meeting
- The 2009 Meeting Schedule will be reviewed and confirmed at the February 2009 Meeting

Recap of Motions Passed:

- None

Open Action Items:

Open Actions	Owner	Update
Recommend amendment language to Lake Use Regulations that would establish a probationary period for new lake commercial license holders. (1/09)		
Evaluate how the lake structure regulations treat canopies as decktop accessory structures. For example, engineering drawings and LSAB application/approval are required. Should there be regulatory distinctions for canopies vs. more permanently constructed units? (8/09)	Wiley	Fall 2008 – the board discussed possible changes that would excluded temporary structures (those not installed permanently, or remaining up for a limited number of hours or days) from the regulations.
Prepare a multi-year fishery management plan that addresses a comprehensive set of activities—including fish stocking. (11/08)	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
Once an approach to grandfathering of lake structures is finalized, the board needs to re-visit the development of specific standards for multi-dwelling lake structures.	Wiley	

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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
Prepare and submit the draft Lake Advisory Committee bylaws for review and approval by the town council/marine commission. (1/08)	Chris	

Closed Action Items:

Closed Actions	Owner	Update
Collect historical lake temperature readings from VWIN; format and post to town website	Dean Chris	Done – although no readings have been taken in offseason months. Dean will explore the possibility of an automated temperature readings posted to the website (similar to lake level readings)
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	Bob	Done

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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)		

Board 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,

Melissa P Messer