

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's Lake Operations Office on Monday the 6th day of May, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (Chairman)
Bill Ashman
Joe Pritchett
Dan Breneman
David Efird
Gary Johnson
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)
Dean Givens (Lake Operations)
Clint Calhoun (Lake Operations)
Andi Calvert (Town Clerk)

Non-Attending Members:

Derek Papesh

Guests:

Mayor Bob Keith
Blaine Cox
Clyde Keller

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairman Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- Dan Breneman made a motion, seconded by David Efird, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013 regular meeting as written. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- Bill Ashman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. David Efird seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

Tom Judson, CEO of rumbling Bald Resort, provided board members a handout and presented a proposal on behalf of the Resort suggesting that the no wake zone within the cove be expanded for two reasons: 1) to increase the safety of individuals using non-motorized vessels and 2) there is a large build up of silt within the cove, presumably as a result of fast moving boats.

Mark Helms stated that the idea was suggested to the board in October of 2011 and the board denied the requested based on two main concerns. First, expanding the no wake zone goes against the standard around the lake. second, increasing the no wake zone would reduce the number of available acres available for motorized boats.

Mr. Helms suggested adding additional buoys to "shape" the no wake zone in the area.

Joe Pritchett stated that based on the photo provided, it looks like the silt and erosion in the area is being caused by a stream instead of boat wake.

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Bill Ashman stated that his neighbors were not in favor of the increased no wake zone last time the idea was introduced. However, due to safety concerns, this time they are in favor of the change.

Blaine Cox asked if signage could potentially be used to caution boaters in the high-traffic area.

After discussion, Mr. Helms agreed to arrange to go out on the lake with Lake Operations Director Dean Givens and any other board members that would like to go to visit the area of concern. The board agreed to discuss the topic at a later meeting after the proposed site visit.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison - Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey reported that town council has asked that the LAB contact the university system to see if they would be interested in doing a study project concerning dredging in the lake and in order to provide recommendations to the board

Dan Breneman stated that he has contacted NC State, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Wilmington, and Appalachian State via email concerning project studies on the lake. To date, only NC State had responded and stated they would pass my inquiry onto their Ecological Department. All such correspondence with the universities has been passed onto Dean Givens, Lake Operations for follow up.

Board members discussed the need to determine how much of the bed load is coming from the Broad River and other tributaries in order to determine if Streamside Systems will be an effective means of controlling sediment (since the system will only be installed at the Broad River tributary initially).

Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey suggested that an informational joint meeting between Town Council and the Lake Advisory Board be held when information is available from consultants who are working to assess the bed load prior to placement of the Streamside System.

The board discussed the urgency of dredging in the lake.

After discussion, the board asked that Lake Operations make a preliminary planned outline for this issue to be presented to the board at the June meeting in order to educate the board on the urgency of this issue, and also as a plan to present to Town Council for an information joint meeting.

Dean Givens agreed to present the plan at the June board meeting.

Lake Operations Director – Dean Givens briefly reviewed his Lake Operations report. (Copy of Lake Operations report is attached)

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Special Topics:

Consider Approval of Newly Adjusted and Sized Regulation Stickers for Commercial Non-Motorized Boats – The board reviewed the proposed sticker to be placed on commercial motorized and non-motorized boats and discussed the need to make wording on the sticker larger.

After discussion, Dan Breneman made a motion to approve the presented sticker, except make the sticker larger (similar to the sticker used for boat permits) in order to allow the printed material on the sticker to be large enough to read while leaving the verbiage as previously approved. Gary Johnson seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea H. Calvert