

Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

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The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Lake Lure Municipal Center on Monday, the 9th day of January, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Bill Ashman
Dan Breneman
Gary Hasenfus
Sonya Ledford
Gary Johnson
Joe Pritchett
Dean Givens, Dir. Lake Ops.
Mgmt. Officer
Clint Calhoun, Environmental
Management
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)

Non-Attending Members: N/A

Call to Order:

Chairman Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of the minutes:

Gary Hasenfus made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Gary Johnson seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Department – Dean Givens reviewed the department's report that was sent to board members by email prior to the meeting.

Mr. Givens stated that the Lodge on Lake Lure applied for one commercial tour boat permit and ten commercial non-motorized boat permits for 2017. Mr. Givens explained that the lake commercial model is currently full for 2017 and the Lodge has moved to last priority since their

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application was not received by the deadline. The board will review options at a later meeting if space in the model does not come available.

Council Liaison Report – Commissioner Silvey explained that the 2017 lake fee schedule was approved by the Marine Commission. Commissioner Silvey further explained that due to the amount of public concern, the Marine Commission asked that the LAB consider the potential need to further break down commercial categories to alleviate the financial burden of the smaller business owners. Commissioner Silvey also stated that Town Council approved an appeal of a Lake Structure Appeals Board decision concerning the construction of boathouse and council asked that the Lake Advisory Board review the Lake Structure Regulations to ensure that it is clear how to measure the from the shoreline and how riprap effects the shoreline (should the shoreline be measured based on the measurement before placed of riprap or after the riprap). After discussion, Gary Johnson and Clint Calhoun agreed to review sections 94.05(a) and 94.07 of the Lake Structure Regulations and the definition of shoreline in the Lake Structure Regulations. The board will revisit the topic at a later meeting.

Special Topics –

- a. **Discussion Concerning Lake Commercial Boat Classification for a Water Taxi Service on the Lake --** Logan Hartzog, owner of Scuber, asked that the board consider reclassification of his operation in the lake commercial model. Mr. Hartzog explained that the main reason for him asking the reclassification is fiscal and the he doesn't believe the current price for the category is proportional to the amount of revenue that can be generated by his business. Mr. Hartzog explained that his business is currently classified as a tour boat operation but it does not include a tour.

Chairman Mark Helms explained that the board decided that the fees should be based on lake use instead of a revenue generated and that the model has been used for a long time. The board discussed the reasoning for Mr. Hartzog's tour classification and stated that he wouldn't fit into the livery category since that category does not include a hired driver. Mr. Givens explained that the model was statically built and that building a new category would need to be studied to determine the appropriate number of acre hours and the process would be very costly. Board members discussed the service that is being provided by Mr. Hartzog's operations and the inclusion of the service in the Town's comprehensive plan.

Dan Breneman suggested that the Marine Commission extend the trail period for Scuber for 2017 since he was unable to collect data for a full year of operation in 2016 because the business only operated for the last part of the year. Mr. Breneman made a motion to recommend that Mr. Hartzog be allowed to purchase his boat permit for Scuber at the 2016 rate of \$286 and operated in an unclassified category. Bill Ashman seconded the motion. Joe Pritchett stated that the board previously discussed not allowing any commercial operations on the lake for less than \$500 per year. Mr. Breneman amended

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his motion to recommend that Mr. Hartzog be charged \$500 for his permit for 2017. Gary Johnson and Sonya Ledford opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-2.

Board Member Areas of Responsibility Reports:

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus discussed the placement of 80 Christmas tree that were delivered.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Joe Pritchett stated that the equipment is mobilized for excavation dredging and that a significant amount of silt should be taken out of the lake this year. Clint Calhoun also stated that the Town has applied for a \$300,000 grant that, if awarded, would be a 50 percent match over the next two years.

Adjournment: Gary Hasenfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Pritchett seconded and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Andrea H. Calvert, Town Clerk