

Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting -



The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Lake Lure Municipal Center on Monday, the 5th day of February, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Mark Helms (chairperson)
Bill Ashman
Dan Breneman
Gary Hasenfus
Gary Johnson (via, phone)
Sonya Ledford
Michael Yelton
John Kilby (council liaison)
Dean Givens, Dir. Lake Ops.
Clint Calhoun, Environmental Management Officer

Non-Attending Members: N/A

Call to Order and Agenda Review:

Chairman Mark Helms called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The Board reviewed the Agenda.

Approval of the minutes:

Gary Hasenfus made a motion to approve the January 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Bill Ashman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Department – The Lake Operations Department’s report that was sent out by Lake Operations Director Dean Givens prior to the meeting was presented to the Board. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

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Special Topics –

Review Lake Use Regulations changes - Lake Operations Director Dean Givens, made several suggestions to clean up language in the Lake Use Regulation. Mark Helms offered one correction to 1.02 Definitions (4) Ski Schools, to leave the word ‘Providing’ in the sentence. **Gary Johnson made the motion to recommend that the Marine Commission approve these changes to the Lake Use regulations, to include Mark Helms correction; Bill Ashman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See attached Lake Use Regulations.**

Commercial boat permit request – Dan Breneman recused himself from the LAB and then requested as a resident and business owner, for one livery boat greater than 10 hp. Dan acknowledged that the commercial model was full for this category, and made a suggestion that the LAB make a recommendation to the Marine commission to move un-used hours from livery less than 10hp to allow for room in the model for one more boat. Dan Breneman stated that his business “Lake Lure Landing” sells numerous fishing license each year and he gets a lot of request for boat rentals. Previously Dan has referred inquiries to other local boat rental businesses. Dan said he is looking for other options to help make his business successful and would like to offer a livery boat for patrons. **Bill Ashman made a motion to move un-used hours from livery less than 10hp to livery greater than 10hp to accommodate one additional boat. Gary Hasenfus seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Continued Discussion of Lake Lowering Matrix – The LAB continued their discussion of impacts of lowering the lake. The LAB acknowledges that they are not under any time constraints to thoroughly evaluate this topic and are committed to continued discussions. Gary Hasenfus mentioned having a workshop to assist with formulating a solution; others seemed to like the idea.

Board Member Areas of Responsibility Reports:

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Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported that we will do the Christmas trees habitats when the lake comes back to full pond. Gary said that in previous years of doing the Christmas tree habitats while the lake was down, the act of refilling the lake has caused damage to the tree habitats.

Public Forum


Kelly Sayles, Owner of the Grafton lodge, requested a commercial permit for their lodge. Kelly said they would like to offer boat rides to their guest with wine and delivery to local lake restaurants. Kelly explained she would not make enough profit to be able to purchase the tour boat permit at \$2,000 and wanted to know if there was another permit available. Mark Helms explained to Kelly that the type of activity she had described was in fact a tour operation and

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would require a tour boat permit. Mark Helms also explained that the commercial model for tour boats this year is full and her request would need to be put on the LAB agenda next month. Jessica Hough from Rumbling Bald inquired as to when the lake would be raised and had logistical concerns for the rowing teams that RBR would be hosting.

Adjournment:

Bill Ashman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Dan Breneman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



Mark Helms, Lake Advisory Board Chairman