

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 2nd day of June, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Chris Braund (chairperson)
Bo Williams (vice-chair)
Wiley Bourne
Harvey Harris
Gary Hasenfus
Bob Keith
Jeanine Noble (council liaison)

Non-Attending Members:

Robin Proctor
Dean Givens (DLO)

Guests:

Blaine Cox
Skip Marsh

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairperson Chris Braund called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- After discussion, Wiley Bourne made a motion, seconded by Harvey Harris, to approve the minutes of the May 2008 regular meeting as written. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- See below for individual reports
- Wiley Bourne made a move to adjourn the meeting at 7:00p.m., seconded by Harvey Harris. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

- Blaine Cox suggested that the content of Board members' email reports (provided in advance of the meetings) be summarized for the benefit of the public in attendance. He also suggested that the next printing of the Lake Rules brochure may wish to add a "what's new or changed" section on one of the covers.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Director of Lake Operations (DLO) – Dean Givens reported:

[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]

- We have begun building fish habitat and dropping in specific places in the lake. We have placed a total of 32 in the lake and plan to continue to build more.
- The algae that has been seen on the lake seems to be caused by drought. May fecal testing results were provided by email.
- Boating activity on Memorial Day weekend was pretty safe.
- Patrol statistics (DLO)
 - 7 citations for no current boat permit (all to lakefront property owners)
 - 2 'No Wake' citations
 - 1 written warning for 'No Wake'
 - 4 verbal warnings for 'No Wake'
 - 1 verbal warning for a child under 13 without a PFD
 - 2 verbal warnings for sitting outside the rail of a pontoon boat with feet dragging in the water

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- The request from Elizabeth Iwaoka for an additional no wake buoy has had no action at this time. I will get with public works and get this resolved as soon as possible.

Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison – Jeanine Noble reported:

- The Marine Commission received the letter from Dean regarding the behavior of Todd's RV& Marine staff during their boat show
- A letter was read from David & Traci Roberts in response to a citation they had received for not having a valid boat permit. It stated in the letter that on Saturday, May 3rd they had tried to purchase a boating permit at Town Hall, but were told that Town Hall did not have any weekend hours. This was the first citation that the couple has received since purchasing their home in 2005, and their wishes are that the Town could establish ways for boaters to get their permits during hours that are not normal business hours. The Board discussed that permits may be obtained via mail if requested, a procedure that has been well communicated in the town newsletter and website.

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Bob Keith reported:

- Nothing to report

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Harvey Harris reported:

[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]

- Dean Givens advised on 5/29/08 that “dredging should be complete next week.”
- Watershed Stabilization
The Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Committee met on 5/8/08. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:
 1. Jennifer Beck and Albert Moore conducted site visits for Lake Lure landowners interested in hydroseeding. It was determined due to site condition limitations or evidence of past unsuccessful hydroseeding efforts that the number of projects would be too small to be cost effective. Jennifer Beck will do further research to determine if some type of planting project can be made available to landowners.
 2. Discussed "Green Dozer Contractor Training" program. This training could be part of a new grant and hosted in Lake Lure. Jennifer Beck will find out more about this training and advice.
 3. Russell Blevins mentioned he visited two potential sites for stormwater management practices to be installed. One of the sites would involve pre-treating stormwater runoff from the Lake Lure Municipal building. He is working with an engineer to obtain feasibility costs to prepare a project grant.
 4. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 7/16, 9am at the Town Hall.

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Commercial & Recreational - Bo Williams reported:

- The public docks project is on hold pending the start of an expansion project at the police boathouse. The intent is to have the contractor complete both projects at the same time.
- The new sign is up at the non-motorized launch area near the ABC store.
- Chris talked about his observations on the day of the Dragon Boat races of the boat parking area of the gazebo boardwalk. He said that, on this day, it seemed like an attractive parking option. There is still some work outside of the meeting that needs to be done to perfect this idea (see action items).

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- There have been 176 carp removed from Morse Park (free of charge).
- Gary, Dean and Jacob Rash of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission are working together on the possibility of recommending changes to the size and daily creel limits for Lake Lure fishing – taking into account the recommendations from last year’s fishery study. Whatever changes are made would not go into effect in state publications until July ’09, so there is plenty of time to get this together.
- Gary made a motion that 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. The motion was seconded by Wiley Bourne and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Lake Structures – Wiley Bourne reported:

- The Town Council has received counsel from town attorneys that they are nearing the final resolution of a pending lawsuit that involves lake structures regulations. They have also advised the holding of a public workshop with the council and representatives of the LAB to discuss the strategy for grandfathering in the lake structures regulations. This is an open action item (see list below). Discussion of the commercial and multi-dwelling use lake structures ordinance will continue subsequent the completion of these two events.

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

[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]

- I spoke with William Grimes to determine if there were any changes and everything is still status quo with both the sewer system and the dam.
- A new hydrophone has been ordered and is on its way
- Attached are the fecal coliform samples for this month
- I attended a meeting with Dean and Marilyn Westphal (UNCA) to discuss our sampling and costs, etc. We are going to add some water quality sampling to the line up when we take the fecal samples to help us determine better what is going on if and when we have abnormal samples. The sample locations will be GPSed (New word to add to your lexicon) next sample time.

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Regulations & Law Enforcement - Chris Braund reported:

- Signage at launch ramps – we are going to revisit the design for new signage that was developed and approved by the Marine Commission in 2006-2007, but not implemented as designed. Chris will be meeting with Ed Dittmer to get the details of the new Parks & Recreation signage that has been installed on Hwy 9 (across from Ingles) at the new walking trails. This is a great template for launch ramp signage.

Other Business

- Blaine Cox reported that he has moved the debris net float line & materials to the town maintenance shed.
- Bob Keith reported on plans for September’s Olympiad. Friday night there will be a pontoon challenge, boat parade and ski show. The triathlon, swimming and kayak events will take place on Saturday. The Olympiad Committee will be making a formal request to the Marine Commission to allow dragon boats to participate in the boat parade and for a dragon boat racing event to be held in the river channel on Saturday

Recap of Motions Passed:

- 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.

Open Action Items:

Open Actions	Owner	Update
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	
Identify the language needed to clarify the “annual” on the annual boat permits and in the guide to lake rules. (3/08)	Dean & Chris	
Make recommendations on where short-term docking should be permissible on town property (e.g., near the gazebo?) and parking time limitations, definition of public docking. (3/08)	Chris	

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Open Actions	Owner	Update
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"> • Awaiting scheduling of this workshop
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 (March)
Prepare and submit the draft Lake Advisory Committee bylaws for review and approval by the town council/marine commission. (1/08)	Chris	
Closed Actions	Owner	Update
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
Prepare a letter to the LAB & Marine Commission on his problems with Todd’s RV& Marine. (5/08)	Dean	

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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	
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	

Respectfully submitted,

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