

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008 at 12:30 p.m.

### **Attendees:**

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

### **Non-Attending Members:**

### **Guests:**

Russ Pitts (commissioner)

### **General Meeting Actions:**

- Chairperson Chris Braund called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.
- After discussion, Bob Keith made a motion, seconded by Bo Williams, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2008 regular meeting as written. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- Lake Operations Administrator, Dean Givens reported on lake activities.
- Discussion of the boat show request by Todd's R.V.
- Discussion of the recommended amendments to the Lake Structure Regulations
- Meeting was recessed at 3:00pm to reconvene for the lake inspection tour.
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm

### **Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:**

#### **Lake Operations Administrator – Dean Givens reported:**

- Commercial permits have been issued to Bee Jones for a kayak and a canoe, and 6 to 7 non-motorized commercial permits were approved for Bo Williams with Lake Lure Tours.
- At this time, the idea of a bass tournament is on hold.
- The Town has put in a request for handicap ramp permits and this was approved.
- Ecosystem: the information from Blue Ridge Ecological has been turned over by Dean to NC Wildlife Resource Commission biologists to study. Gary Hasenfus, Steve Wheeler & Dean will be meeting with the NC WRC on April 16 to discuss the study, and Dean will provide further updates at the next meeting.
- The latest water quality VWIN results are available.
- A survey boat is currently working on remapping the sewer system. This will give more accurate maps of where the sewer pipes are located in the lake bed.
- The dredging is finished in Marina Bay and Laurel Landing Cove and is in the process of being done in the river channel.
- The Dragon Boat Races will be on May 10. Dean is expecting 1200+ people to be in attendance and Lake Operations, Police, EMS, Fire Departments, NC Wildlife and possibly even the Coast Guard Auxiliary will all be present.

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- March patrol activity -

Police:	10	Lake Patrols
	127	Cove Checks
Lake Operations:	14	Lake Patrols
	306	Cove Checks
	3	Permit Warnings
	25	Fishing License Checks
	1	Tow of a Stranded Boat
- The Florida Lake Management Society meeting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. Dean and Russ Pitts will attend the meeting.
- Dean presented the idea of issuing special permits to mechanics for the selling and servicing of boats, which would be transferable from boat to boat. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to discuss further at another meeting. A motion to recommend a new transferable boat servicing permit was made by Harvey Harris and seconded by Gary Hasenfus. Further action on the motion was deferred for a future meeting.

### **Dredging & Watershed Stabilization - Harvey Harris reported:**

*[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]*

- Dredging: nothing new to report.
- Watershed Stabilization:

The Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Committee met on 3/19/08. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

1. Discussed streambank restoration (600' of stream) at Fairfield Church. Additional funding is required and UBRWPP is contacting The Town of Lake Lure to determine interest in partnering on this project. A second stream restoration project (270' of stream) was reviewed also requiring additional funding.
2. A bulk hydroseeding project in Lake Lure will be made available to homeowners with a reimbursement component for a portion of the cost. This will involve seeding slopes less than 1/4 acre within a 2-3 day period during late April to mid May. Contact Jennifer Beck by April 15 at 625-9983 ext 123 for details.
3. Reviewed the Education Workshop held on March 15. Approximately 20 participants were in attendance.
4. Conducted a discussion on strategic planning for the future of UBRWPP. This involved the current state of the Program, and possible goals/projects. This discussion served as the basis to create an action plan.
5. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 9AM at the Town Hall.

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### **Fish & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:**

*[from a report submitted prior to the meeting:]*

- We received a report from lakefront home owner Jane Mann that a "growth" of some kind was attached to her dock and other surfaces around her property. Clint responded, but could not identify the material. I also responded, surveyed the area but did not note anything out of the ordinary. My inspection was from a boat-by look. Algae is a reasonable answer, or, pollen blown by the wind so that a collection attaches to structure.....Jane mentioned that 'strings" of this material was attached to her dock.
- Regarding another topic, Dean has arranged a meeting with the North Carolina Wildlife folks for later this month...Steve and I will attend...These people have substantial resources and I for one would be thrilled if they would "again" help us to improve our fishery.....Steve and I will join Dean on April 16 for this meeting.

### **Law Enforcement – Chris Braund reported:**

- Nothing to report

### **Emergency Preparedness & Response – Bob Keith Reported:**

- Nothing to report

### **Lake Structures - Wiley Bourne Reported:**

- Nothing to report

### **Dam Operations, Sewer System, Water Quality – Robin Proctor reported:**

- Nothing to report

### **Commercial & Recreation – Bo Williams reported:**

- Nothing to report

### **Council Liaison – Jeanine Noble reported:**

- Nothing to report

### **Special Topics**

***Request by Todd's R.V. & Marine to conduct a boat show on May 2, 3, and 4, including boat demonstrations on the lake.***

- Concerns were raised as to where they are going to be loading and unloading passengers and where they are going to dock the boats.
- Bo suggested moving the location of the event to the dock near the ABC Store at the picnic area.
- The Board discussed doing this as a pilot/test run to see how the LAB or Town Council would wish to handling these types of events in the future.
- Requests were made that they follow lake boat length restrictions, and keep sensitivity in the Main Channel on the Lake
- Motion made by Robin Proctor, seconded by Bob Keith, all members were in favor:

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*The Lake Advisory Board supports approval of an additional lake commercial license for Todd's RV & Marine event with the following recommended provisions:*

- 1) As this event is scheduled to occur before peak season (which begins Memorial Day weekend), there is sufficient excess capacity in the Lake Commercial model. The Board would support the issuance of weekly permits (transferable between boats) at current prices. Todd's RV & Marine should complete an application for a Lake Commercial License.
- 2) Rather than Morse Park, the event could be held in the picnic area between the beach and the ABC store, an area that offers display space, parking areas, a passenger loading dock and the potential use of the boat launch ramp (if it proves workable). This would reduce congestion at the marina ramp and Morse Park, particularly for passenger loading and unloading.
- 3) As specified in the request, all lake regulations must be followed. However, particular attention should be paid to the boat length restrictions, no-wake zones and wake prohibitions within 75 feet of other boats.
- 4) As specified in the request, no more than two boats should be in operation on the lake at once.
- 5) A representative from Todd's RV should be aware of the sensitivity to speed and wakes in the main channel (after leaving the marina bay) and reserve high-speed boating and abrupt maneuvers for the center of the lake.

### ***Recommended Lake Structure Regulations Changes***

- Reviewed recommended amendments to the Lake Structures Regulations that address the funnel effect: lake structures adjacent to residentially-zoned lots that are intended to support multiple dwellings or commercial activities. The recommendations include a prohibition of any new structures intended for this purpose and some form of grandfathering for existing structures used or intended for this purpose.
- Robin stated that *shared-use permit* needs to be included in the definition section.
- Discussion of grandfathering. For those properties that have lake structures with a history of use by multiple dwellings (e.g., Pierpoint), the ordinance should allow them to continue. For those properties with lake structures, but little history of use (e.g., Haynes Hill, Firefly Cove), the ordinance should place reasonable limits on their future usage. Next steps are to review possible language and approaches with the town attorneys.
- Harvey suggested contacting the 4 or 5 property owners that currently have multi-dwelling lake structures on residentially-zoned lots to meet with them on this situation. Russ Pitts agreed that he thought this would be a great idea.
- These ideas will be reviewed and placed on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.

### ***Lake Inspection Tour***

- Dean piloted the group on a tour in the Town's pontoon boat. We encountered a family operating a boat without a permit and observed Dean's enforcement technique.
- A large land-clearing activity was noted above the north shore of the lake (Sugarbush Lane). A subsequent inquiry with Clint Calhoun, the Environmental Control Officer revealed:

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*I just wanted to follow up with you on this. I was out on the lake today with Dean to look at a couple of unrelated projects. I saw the area that you had mentioned. It has drastically changed from what it was when I checked it out originally. When I was out there it appeared they had done all they were going to do, however some grading has taken place since then so we have entered a whole 'nother realm. No permits whatsoever have been pulled for land disturbance or zoning so we are looking at a few avenues for enforcement:*

- 1) Possible civil penalties for failure to obtain a land disturbance permit (especially since the disturbed area is pretty large).*
- 2) The Town can prevent the property owner from developing the lot for the next 3 to 5 years based on the area that has been disturbed.*
- 3) The Town can deny the property owner any permits relating to the project until required remedies are made.*

*I will be sending the property owner a Notice of Violation that will probably have a civil penalty assessment attached. They will be informed that development activities require permits and that these were not obtained prior to starting work.*

- The group investigated the algae growth at Jane Mann's lakefront
- Questions were raised about certain boathouses in disrepair, as well as the failed seawall on the south side of the bridge to Yacht Island. A status inquiry has been requested of the Lake Structures Administrator.

**Recap of Motions Passed:**

- The Lake Advisory Board supports approval of an additional lake commercial license for Todd's RV & Marine event with recommended provisions.

**Board Action Items:**

Open Actions	Owner	Update
Identify the language needed on the annual boat permits and in the annual guide to lake rules. 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)	Dean & Chris	
Convene an LAB subcommittee to meet with town attorneys and develop grandfathering provisions for the Lake Structures regulations. (3/08)	Chris	
Prepare draft Standard Operating Procedures manual chapters for each area of responsibility. (3/08)	All LAB members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Templates provided (March)</li> </ul>

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<b>Open Actions</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Update</b>
Obtain signage for the non-motorized boat launch ramp near the ABC store. (1/08)	Bo & Dean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The signage for the non-motorized boat launch ramp near the ABC store and for the public docks should be ready in the April/May time frame.</li> </ul>
Prepare and submit the draft Lake Advisory Committee bylaws for review and approval by the town council/marine commission. (1/08)	Chris	
<b>Closed Actions</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Update</b>
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

Respectfully submitted,

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