

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 February, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Chris Braund (chairperson)
Bo Williams (vice-chair)
Gary Hasenfus
Bob Keith
Robin Proctor
Wiley Bourne
Bill Beason
Dean Givens (Dir. Lake Ops.)
Jeanine Noble (council liaison)

Non-Attending Members:

Guests:

Amos Gilliam
Steve Rickert
Mark Dirks
Frank Kendrick

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairperson Chris Braund called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.
- After discussion, Bob Keith made a motion, seconded by Bo Williams, to approve the minutes of the January 2008 regular meeting as written. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- See below for individual reports
- Bob Keith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Gary Hasenfus. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

- Representatives from Rumbling Bald Resort gave an overview of their plans for hosting the college rowing teams this March. They are hosting 4 teams, an increase over prior years. They are also implementing liability release waivers for the participants. As in the past, they are requesting (on behalf of the teams) a waiver of boat permit fees. The resort will provide a consolidated listing of teams, dates and # of motorized & non-motorized boats anticipated. Motion made by Gary and seconded by Bob that the Board recommends that the Marine Commission waive the weekly boat permit fees for the collegiate rowing teams in March. The motion was passed unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2009

- Gary nominated Bo Williams for chairperson; Bill seconded. Bo was elected unanimously.
- Bo nominated Wiley for vice-chairperson; Gary seconded. Wiley was elected unanimously.

Calendar of Meetings in 2009

- Motion made by Robin and seconded by Bo to approve the schedule of meetings as presented. The vote of approval was unanimous.

January 5	5:30pm		July 13	5:30pm
February 2	5:30pm		August 3	5:30pm
March 2	5:30pm		September 14	5:30pm
April 6	1:30pm	Lake Tour	October 5	5:30pm
May 4	5:30pm		November 2	5:30pm
June 1	5:30pm		December 7	5:30pm

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Lake Structures Topics

a) Multi-Dwelling Lake Structure Application

Amos Gilliam provided the Board heard an overview of a lake structure permit application. The applicant (Frank Kendrick) wishes to provide access and use of a section of his boardwalk to owners of a home upland of his lot (via an easement). The terms of the easement will restrict usage to non-motorized boats only and for the property owners only (not rental guests). Motion made by Robin and seconded by Wiley to recommend Council approval of the application for multi-dwelling use of the Laney/Kendrick lake structure provided that the easement is written in such a way as to transfer the limitations to any future owners and that commercial use is prohibited.

b) Lake Structure Reconstruction (sec. 94.06)

Amos requested Board clarification and direction on the interpretation of section 94.06 in a situation where minor electrical modifications were planned for an out-of-compliance lake structure. The Board discussed that the original intent of the section was to ensure that significant reconstruction would trigger the need to bring a structure into compliance (the 50% cost threshold was later added as clarification). Further, the reference to electrical and plumbing system modifications were originally aimed at triggering compliance in the event that structures were being modified for possible use as living quarters. As several prohibitions against living quarters have been added to the regulations, the Board discussed that the regulations could be amended to remove or clarify the references to electrical and plumbing. The Board will address this in a future meeting. Motion made by Wiley, seconded by Robin, recommended against a strict interpretation of the standards that would require a structure to be brought into compliance due to a minor electrical repair or modification. The motion was approved unanimously.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Operations Administrator – Dean Givens reported:

- Dean reviewed his monthly status report.
- 83 lake structures do not have 911 addressing; 52 have responded to letters.
- 20 patrol hours in January, 13 verbal warnings issued
- Lake Lowering: motion made by Bo, seconded by Bob, that the drawdown of the lake at the end of this year commence no earlier than the Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison – Jeanine Noble reported:

- No Report

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Bob Keith reported:

- No Report

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Dredging & Watershed Stabilization –

- No Report

Commercial & Recreational - Bo Williams reported:

- No Report

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- After conversations with representatives from NC WRC and with local fishing guides and enthusiasts, there is consensus that the stocking of the lake with Threadfin Shad (a baitfish species that would provide a food source for bass and other gamefish) would be a good strategy for Lake Lure. Gary has located the nearest vendor in Birmingham, AL. Delivery of 18,000-20,000 fish will cost \$5300. There is money budgeted for this expense, so Gary will work with Dean to coordinate the delivery and release.

Lake Structures – Wiley Bourne reported:

- No Report

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

- On Friday, February 6th, there will be a tour of the wastewater treatment plant held with interested citizens and downstream residents. This is a followup to earlier information sessions held in September/November and will focus on the recent plant upgrades and improved test results.
- The state is holding a public hearing on February 12th at Isothermal College to consider the renewal of our sewer treatment discharge permit.

Regulations & Law Enforcement - Chris Braund reported:

- No report

Other Business

- None

Recap of Motions Passed:

- None

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Open Action Items:

Open Actions	Owner	Update
Recommend amendment language to Lake Structures Regulations that would remove or clarify the references to electrical and plumbing modifications in section 94.06 (B)	Amos	
Recommend amendment language to Lake Use Regulations that would establish a probationary period for new lake commercial license holders. (1/09)	Chris	
Evaluate how the lake structure regulations treat canopies as decktop accessory structures. For example, engineering drawings and LSAB application/approval are required. Should there be regulatory distinctions for canopies vs. more permanently constructed units? (8/09)	Wiley	Fall 2008 – the board discussed possible changes that would excluded temporary structures (those not installed permanently, or remaining up for a limited number of hours or days) from the regulations.
Prepare a multi-year fishery management plan that addresses a comprehensive set of activities—including fish stocking. (11/08)	Gary and Dean	Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blue Ridge Ecological recommendations ▪ Discussions with NC WRC ▪ Input from local fishermen ▪ Budget
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"> • Will schedule workshop for January/February 2009
Once an approach to grandfathering of lake structures is finalized, the board needs to re-visit the development of specific standards for multi-dwelling lake structures.	Wiley	
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 • Law Enforcement draft completed • Dredging & Watershed stabilization draft completed
Prepare and submit the draft Lake Advisory Committee bylaws for review and approval by the town council/marine commission. (1/08)	Chris	

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Closed Action Items:

Closed Actions	Owner	Update
Collect historical lake temperature readings from VWIN; format and post to town website	Dean Chris	Done – although no readings have been taken in offseason months. Dean will explore the possibility of an automated temperature readings posted to the website (similar to lake level readings)
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
Identify the language needed to clarify the “annual” on the annual boat permits and in the guide to lake rules. (3/08)	Dean & Chris	Done
Prepare a letter to the LAB & Marine Commission on his problems with Todd’s RV & Marine. (5/08)	Dean	Done
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	Done

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Board 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	Town staff evaluated the site during the week of 10/13 – DWQ will also be consulted.
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	Done Next action: new signage will be coordinated by the Director of Lake Operations – in the next fiscal year.
The Lake Advisory Board recommends to the Town Council (1) that the town consider banning the feeding of all waterfowl by residents and/or tourists on town property in an effort to eventually eliminate the geese problem, and (2) that the town should look into solutions for long-term geese control.	July 2008	(1) Done (2) Research being done by Director of Lake Operations
The Lake Advisory Board recommends to the Marine Commission the amendment of the fishing regulations (size and creel limits) in section 1.02 of the Lake Use Regulations to match the default statewide fishing regulations.	July 2008	Done

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Braund