

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**Mount Holly City Hall
131 South Main Street
Mount Holly, NC**

June 4, 2008 Minutes

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Pam Beck (Gaston County), Vice Chairman Alice Battle (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Chris Watson (Lincoln County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County), Chairman Dan DuVall (Mecklenburg County), Secretary/Treasurer Ann Danzi (Gaston County), Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County)

MILMC Staff Present: Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Dan DuVall called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.	
Approval of the June 4, 2008 Agenda	The June 4, 2008 meeting agenda will stand as submitted.	
Approval of the May 7, 2008 Meeting Minutes	<p>The May 7th meeting minutes were approved with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Page 1, Welcome & Introductions, <i>Alice Battle called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.</i> □ Page 2, Gaston County Police – <i>Beginning June 6th, Gaston County will be on the lakes full time.</i> □ Page 2, Lakekeepers Report – <i>June 7th is the Spider Lily tour.</i> □ Page 3, QNRC Report – <i>QNRC will be conducting a Fish Study.</i> □ Page 4, Commission Counsel Report – <i>No Report</i> □ Page 4, Commissioner’s Comments – <i>should read Mountain Island Educational State Forest.</i> 	

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Statement of Purpose	Legal Counsel, Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose into the record.	
Public Comments	<p>Public Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Rodney Eppes commented that the parking signage at the Riverbend boat access area is confusing and not located in an area easy for drivers to see. Recently, a gravel parking area has been added for vehicles without boat trailers at the Riverbend access area. This was added to free up additional parking spaces for vehicles with boat trailers. However, the signs that are posted need to be repositioned in a place where they could be read easily and understood. Commissioner Eldridge stated that NC Wildlife is in charge of posting these signs and volunteered to contact Fred Thompson with NC Wildlife to address this problem. Mr. Eppes also informed the commission of his concerns of this boat access ramp being closed for such a long period of time during the recovery efforts of the young man that recently jumped from the Hwy 16 Bridge. The ramps should only be closed long enough for rescue boats to refuel or reload with officers, stated Mr. Eppes. Chairman DuVall replied that law enforcement agencies supersede the marine commission however; his concerns will be relayed to the law enforcement agencies. Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Officer David Turner added that he too will contact Cook's Fire Department to let them know that this was an issue. Cook's was only one of the organizations that were involved in this rescue effort. Commissioner Tim Eldridge wanted to commend Cook's Dive Team for the great job they did on both accidents that recently occurred on Mountain Island Lake. 	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda – None	
Public Safety Reports	<p>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department - Officer David Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ (7) boat inspections □ (1) warning □ (3) navigational hazards removed □ (4) calls for service □ (2) Fatalities – May 23rd 19 year old man jumped off of the Hwy 16 bridge and on May 30th a man was killed when his boat capsized north of Garr Creek. 	

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Public Safety Reports (continued)	<p>Gaston County Police Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ No one was present to give report <p>Lincoln County Sheriff's Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ No one was present to give report <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ No one was present to give report <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ No one was present to give report <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Kermitt Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ (1) Pier Application Approved – Stonewater ❑ Total approved structures to date (546) ❑ Lake level is 97.2 	
Environmental Reports	<p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ No one was present to give report <p>Lakekeepers Report – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Dam River Race at Latta Plantation was held on May 31st with 150 participants. ❑ June 7th is the Spider Lily tour. ❑ A variety of 18' grass carp have been spotted in MI Lake by numerous Covekeepers. <p>Quality of Natural Resources (QNRC) – Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Gaston County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) will be effective July 1, 2008. This document will be available on line at http://www.co.gaston.nc.us/PlanningUDO/welcome.htm. <p>MI Wildlife Stewards – Tim Eldridge reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ By its April 24th meeting, the MI Wildlife Stewards had reached 50 members. ❑ Election of Officers is scheduled for the June meeting. ❑ Reminder: the Annual Canoe and Kayak-athon is scheduled for June 7th beginning at 8:30am at the Riverbend Steam Plant. 	

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<p>Request for Support</p>	<p>Request for Support – Lucia Riverbend Fire and Rescue (Follow-up)</p> <p>Jason Linkous with the Lucia Riverbend Volunteer Fire & Rescue’s Dive Team made a request to the commission at its April 2, 2008 meeting for funding to help purchase some of the necessary equipment in order to better serve the communities on the Catawba River. The sponsorship will help get dry suits, full-faced masks and other equipment for diving in contaminated water. It would also help with supplies needed for body recovery, vehicle recovery and pay for any additional classes required for keeping their certifications current.</p> <p>After researching the information that was provided by Mr. Linkous and reviewing the remaining funds in the MI budget for FY07-08, the commission voted 5-2 to deny the request by the Lucia Riverbend Dive Team. Vice Chairman Battle and Commissioner Beck opposed the decision stating that supporting this local group will also support the safety of Mountain Island Lake and its residents. Secretary Treasurer Danzi suggested that the commission write a letter of appreciation to the Lucia Riverbend Dive Team for their work they do on Mountain Island Lake and encourage them to revisit this request to the commission next fiscal year when there are additional funds in the budget for contributions.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Chairman DuVall to deny the request for financial support to purchase equipment for the Lucia Riverbend Fire and Rescue. Seconded by Commissioner Bishop. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 2. Commissioners Beck and Battle were in opposition.</p>
<p>Base Operating Plan</p>	<p>Update on the Base Operating Plan (BOP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Project 08-02, Annual Strategic Workshop – Workshop has been scheduled for July 18th from 9am – 12 Noon. □ Project 08-18, Support of Educational State Forest – (Beck/Watson/Danzi) – Commissioner Beck informed the commission that the Educational State Forest will not be receiving funding for the upcoming fiscal year. The commission will continue to email / mail state representatives requesting their support of this project. □ Project 07-33, Lake Management Plan (Battle/Bishop/Beck) – Commissioner Battle is in hopes to get a rough draft of the Lake Management Plan back to the sub-committee by their June 13th meeting. Mecklenburg County’s Rusty Rozzelle would like to review draft as well. □ Project 08-36, Miscellaneous Meetings – The Regional Stormwater Partnership meeting will be held on June 13th. 	

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Chairman's Report	Chairman's Report <input type="checkbox"/> No report	
Executive Director's Report	Executive Director's Report – Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Finance report – Lawing distributed the Finance report to all of the commissioners for their review. <input type="checkbox"/> 2007-2008 Budget Revision – Lawing distributed the proposed 2007-2008 budget revision to the commissioners. Line item General Business / Contributions were revised from \$200 to \$0. Lawing asked the commission if they were considering contributing \$200 to the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation for the use of their boat throughout FY07-08. If so, an amendment to the proposed budget revision would have to be done. <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing for Consideration of the 2008-2009 Budget Ordinance – A public hearing was held for public comment on the 2008-2009 Budget Ordinance. There were no public comments. The commission voted to adopt the 2008-2009 Budget Ordinance consisting of expenditures of \$47,904.00. (MILMC General Business and Administrative Expenses \$42,604, Protect Water Quality \$500.00, Promote Public Safety \$2,800 and Special Projects \$2,000). <input type="checkbox"/> Consideration of Contracting with Centralina COG for Administrative Services for FY08-09 – The commission voted to contract with Centralina COG for Administrative Services for the FY08-09. Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing thanked the commission for allowing COG to service them another year. 	<p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Battle to approve a reimbursement / contribution of \$200 to the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation for the use of their boat during the FY07-08 season. Seconded by Secretary Treasurer Danzi. The motion was approved.</p> <p>A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer Danzi to approve the proposed budget revision with amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Beck. The motion was approved.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Beck to open the public hearing. Seconded by Vice Chairman Battle. The</p>

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Executive Director's Report (continued)		<p data-bbox="1644 217 1932 248">motion was approved.</p> <p data-bbox="1644 289 1923 574">A motion was made by Commissioner Watson to close the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Eldridge. The motion was approved.</p> <p data-bbox="1644 618 1923 904">A motion was made by Chairman DuVall to approve the 2008-2009 Budget Ordinance. Seconded by Secretary Treasurer Danzi. The motion was approved.</p> <p data-bbox="1644 948 1938 1305">A motion was made by Chairman DuVall to approve contracting with Centralina COG for Administrative Services for the FY08-09. Seconded by Vice Chairman Battle. The motion was approved.</p>
Commission Counsel Report	Commission Counsel Report <input type="checkbox"/> No report	
Commissioner's Comments	Commissioner's Comments <input type="checkbox"/> None	

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Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.	
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on July 2, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Cowan's Ford Country Club, 761 Club Drive, Stanley, NC.	

Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director