



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Kathleen Hatfield called to order the May 4, 2023 Meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:30p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present

Chairperson Kathleen Hatfield
Mr. Dave Lusk

Vice Chairman Jim Lemmons
Mr. Richard Sayles

Mr. Mark Helms

Absent:

Ms. Sonya Ledford
Mr. Gary Hasenfus – Excused for For Fish Study

Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:

Council Liaison - Commissioner David DiOrio
Parks, Recreation & Lake Director Dean Givens
Parks, Recreation & Trails Coordinator Dana Bradley
Police Chief Sean Humphries

Public Attendees

Elizabeth Geary, Resident of Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the May 4 2023 Board Meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Lemmons seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the April 2, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lemmons seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Chair/Vice Chair Communications

No communications reported.

LAB Reports and Comments

Report from Council Liaison

Councilman DiOrio will provide a report by the end of June regarding the plans for the 2024 Lake projects. Town Council consider various factors in their decisions on projects and lake levels. The effectiveness of the previous sewer sleeve project, loss of hydroelectric availability as well as economic loss to are businesses are all being considered in light of their decisions.

Report from Lake Operations

Dana Bradley reported that the process for Daily Motorized Permit purchases is going well. A drop box has been installed at Lake Lure Tours making available the pre-sale of Daily Motorized permit stickers.

Ms. Hatfield led a discussion on limits to the numbers of the various permit types being offered. Next year's numbers may need adjusting.

Discussion was also had regarding the process, as well as rules for Washburn Marina Annual Slip Rentals. Dana Bradley noted that currently there was no one on the resident waitlist. At least 97 are on the nonresident waitlist. Dean Givens noted +/- 30 slip renters did not renew for the 2023 season. After exhausting the resident waitlist, Parks, Recreation & Lake Office staff moved on to the nonresident list to offer available slips. All slips are currently rented.

Dean Givens reported that numbers for permit sales are not yet available. The data collected with each permit sale of 2023 must be entered into the new database. Once this is complete, numbers will be available. Ms. Hatfield volunteered to provide assistance with data entry. Parks, Recreation & Lake staff appreciated the offer and enthusiastically accepted.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus

Dean Givens reported, in Mr. Hasenfus' absence. Mr. Hasenfus is overseeing the stocking of 20,000 threadfin shad. The fish survey will be done May 17 and May 18, 2024.

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Dave Lusk

Lake Lure & Chimney Department Fire Departments recently trained under the NC Helicopter Aquatic Recue Team. They successfully trained on both day and night rescues.

Dredging & Watershed Stabilization – Dean Givens

All scheduled dredging projects have ended. New bids are being requested to update a bid proposal for the new grant cycle.

Regulations & Law Enforcement – Sonya Ledford

Chief Sean Humphries reported on new method for testing impairment, that be performed on a boat.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Unfinished Business

Update on Revision of Daily Permitting Process

The daily permitting process is going well.

Update on Marina Gate Arm/Access Restrictions

The bollards have not been installed as of yet. Plans are in the works. Ms. Hatfield stated that the current black and white signage needs to be updated with the new permit requirements. The signs need to be obvious. Dana Bradley will make some changes but all Town signs are subject to rules set forth by the Town.

Lake Drawdown Ramifications for Businesses

Councilman DiOrio reported earlier in the meeting that the Lake Drawdown plans are being considered.

Review of Draft Script for Boater Safety Video

The Board discussed the need to clarify the definitions of pontoons and deck boats. Mr. Lemmons would like to see the locations noted regarding the selling of boat permits with in Rumbling Bald Resort reflect for RBR on LL guests only.

Review of LUR recommended Updates

Ms. Hatfield tasked the Board to be have all recommendations finalized and ready to send to Marine Commission by August 2024. The Board discussed several topics for recommendations.

New Business

Dean Givens spoke on the numbers of Livery and Tour permits still available. Adjustments will need to be made in new permits are applied for.


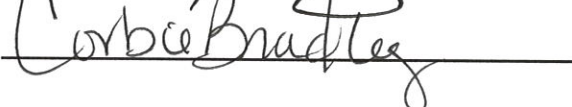
Adjournment

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Lemmons seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be June 5, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks, Recreation & Lake Office.

ATTEST:

 Kathleen Hatfield, Chairman
 Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk