



**Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 6, 2023**

**Call to Order**

Chair Kathie Hatfield called to order the November 6, 2023 meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 3:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

***Board Members present***

Chairman Kathie Hatfield	Vice Chairman Jim Lemmons	Mr. Gary Hasenfus
Mr. Richard Sayles	Mr. Dave Lusk	Mr. Mark Helms
Ms. Sonya Ledford		

***Absent:***

No absences.

***Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:***

Council Liaison – Commissioner David DiOrio  
Parks, Recreation & Lake Director, Dean Givens  
Corporal Aaron Collins, LLPD

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the November 6, 2023 Board meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Lusk made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the October 2, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the minutes with modifications. Mr. Hasenfus seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

**CHAIR/VICE CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Hatfield reminded that Board members whose terms are expiring, but who desire to remain active should reapply with Olivia Stewman, Town Clerk.

Chairman Hatfield thanked Mr. Hasenfus for his presentation at the recent Lake Lure Fishing Forum.

**LAB REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**Report from Council Liaison**

Councilman DiOrio had nothing to report at that time but noted he was subject to questions.

### **Report from Lake Operations**

PR&L Director Givens reported that there has not been much activity on the waters of Lake Lure.

Reports from residents regarding buoys that need addressing have been received. These requests will be addressed in the next buoy reset, which is scheduled for after the drawdown ends.

PR&L Director Givens requested that the Regulations & Law Enforcement item of the agenda be moved up on the agenda order in the future. This will free up the on-duty officers that attend this monthly meeting.

### **Fishery & Ecosystem**

Mr. Hasenfus reported the Town provided an elaborate venue for Lake Lure's first annual Fishing Forum. The informative presentation was met with a small group of interested anglers.

### **Emergency Preparedness & Response**

Mr. Lusk had nothing new to report.

### **Dredging & Watershed Stabilization**

PR&L Director Givens reported that no dredging is currently being done. Councilman DiOrio discussed the valve, which is scheduled for installation in May or June of 2024.

### **Regulations & Law Enforcement**

Corporal Aaron Collins reported that activities on the lake have slowed down with it being off-season. He reported the following:

14 Lake Hours of the lake  
20 permits were checked  
17 vessels contacted  
23 safety checks performed  
0 citations issued

The Board discussed the congestion that may be incurred with non-motorized boats not needing to be permitted in 2024.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Updates to LUR**

##### **Display of Permits**

A number of boats on the Lake have multiple years' permit stickers displayed. Discussion was had regarding problems this causes and how best to handle such situations. This discussion was tabled.

##### **Lights**

Concerns were brought up at the Fishing Forum of non-motorized boats not displaying lights, leaving them not visible in the dark. It was noted that this is an NC WILDLIFE law. Chairman Hatfield provided a handout that clarified that vessels less than 23 feet in length are required to have a light available, but the light is not required to be displayed. Vessels that are longer than 23 feet, must display red and green navigation lights. Owners of boats that meet this criterion will be addressed by the Parks, Recreation & Lake staff.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2024 Goals & Objectives**

Mr. Lemmons opened up a discussion for clarification of 2024 boat permits being transferable or replaceable. "Seasonal boat permits are not replaceable, but may be transferred to another vessel, provided the old stickers are presented to the Parks, Recreation & Lake Department Office with a permit application for the alternate vessel."

**Mr. Helms made a motion to recommend that, "Seasonal boat permits are not replaceable, but may be transferred to another vessel, provided the old stickers are presented to the Parks, Recreation & Lake Department Office with a permit application for the alternate vessel.", be put into the 2024 Lake Use Regulations. Mr. Sayles seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

**2023 Annual Report**

Chairman Hatfield opened up discussion for topics for the Annual Report for Marine Commission in January.

These topics will include:

- Review and assess placement of NO WAKE Buoys.
- Work with and keep lines of communication open with LLPD
- Portable Lake Structure Placement
- Resume LAB Annual Boat Tour
- Evaluate the impact of changes of non-motorized boats
- Tabling of installation of a boat ramp barrier due to the high volume of permit compliance


**ADJOURNMENT**

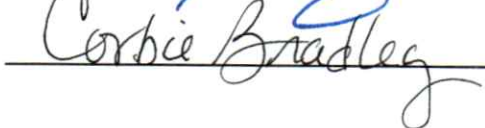
**Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 5:22 p.m. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and all members were in favor.**

Minutes were transcribed by Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk.

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be December 4, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks, Recreation & Lake Office.

ATTEST:

  
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Kathie Hatfield, Chair

  
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Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk