

Lakes Committee Meeting Minutes - February 12th

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1. Meeting called to order at 9:08 by Cris Neff.

2. Committee members in attendance: Cris Neff, Tony Bauer (via teleconference), Rick Rehl, Linda Mackley

Board members in attendance: Chris Webb, Tom Emerson

3. Motion to approve the agenda – Rick Rehl; Second by Linda Mackley. Motion carried.

4. Motion to approve Minutes of the 1/15/19 meeting – Rich Rehl; Second by Linda Mackley. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment Period

Ted Eastlund:

- Brought up the issue of temporary slow – no wake declarations and establishing requirements to be used during high lake level events. He stated that the Lakes Committee would potentially be the appropriate Ad Hoc committee to work on this difficult but possible task and to make recommendations to the Board for establishing a process with appropriate requirements to be used during high lake level events.
- Discussed the risk of AIS as related to wake boats along with some recommendations for the Board (see attachment). Chris Webb discussed the possibility of putting wash stations at boat landings for rinsing bladders and will work with the AIS Committee on this issue. She also stated that they are hoping to have a short survey form for the CBCW monitors to track the type of watercraft usage on our lakes.

6. Start compilation of Lakes Committee Recommendations to the Town of Barnes Board (see also Attachment 1).

Recommend the Town of Barnes:

- Formally request a commitment of increased law enforcement presence and education this coming summer by WDNR & Sheriff's department
- Support DNR program Operation Dry Water.
- Utilize public media – print, social media, to educate users about WI State Boating Laws and encourage all users to take the WI Boater Safety Class. The program is available online.
- Coordinate with CBCW monitors at boat landings to place a buoy at 100' and 200' distance at a minimum of the Memorial Day and 4th of July weekends, and distribute or have available educational media.

- Educate and Encourage wake boat users to utilize the center of the lake while creating large wakes as a courtesy to other users.
- Recommend the Town of Barnes post links on the TOB website: to the WDNR website to support self-education and the Sheriff/WDNR phone numbers. Also, to provide this information to individuals at boat landings in the form of a card.
- Recommend the Town of Barnes consider participating in the 4th of July parade for educational purposes to reach a large audience. The display should include all boat types and what their primary offense is; 100' and 200' examples would be helpful.
- Update signs with "Please know your boating laws & be respectful."
- Request clubs include this information in their newsletters.
- Recommend the Town include the link to the DNR Safety page and phone numbers to report violations be included with tax statements.
- The Town or Governing Authority should review safety notices and procedures at the Lock and Dam to confirm they are compliant with the State laws, and strong current notices.
- We recommend to the Board that this Lakes Committee reconvene in the Fall after violation reports are received from the Sheriff and DNR.
- Post cards with the Mission Statement and bullet items mailed to all land owners this Spring before the fishing opener.
 - ***Mission Statement/Charge – The Eau Claire Lakes are a beautiful natural resource which provide diverse opportunities for recreational enjoyment. Please know your boating laws and please be respectful.***
 - Provide phone numbers for reporting violations: 911 and 1-800-847-9367 (1-800- TIP-WDNR)
 - Provide the link to the Wisconsin DNR Water Safety Page: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/>
 - Remember your PFDs (lifejackets).
 - Please respect the 100' and 200' laws. Buoys will periodically be placed at the boat landings for visual representations and education.
 - **Everyone** is encouraged to take the Wisconsin Boating Safety Course (available on-line).
 - Everyone, please have a respectful and enjoyable summer on our lakes!

7. Discuss Committee Time line and possible follow-up meeting Tuesday, 2/19/19.

Additional meeting prior to submitting recommendations is not required.

Cris Neff to present summary to the Town Board during the monthly meeting on February 19th and follow up with a written report.

At the Board's invitation, (as per recommendation) the Lakes Committee will reconvene in the Fall after the Violation Reports are received from the Sheriff's Department and the WDNR

8. Motion to Adjourn made by Linda Mackley, Second by Rick Rehl. Motion carried.

Attachment 1.

Tony made a motion to address citizen's concerns; second by Linda Mackley. Motion carried

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used on page 1 of a mailing and bullet points on page 2). Motion by Rick Rehl, Second by Linda Mackley. Motion carried.

Motion: We recommend to the Board that this Lakes Committee reconvene in the Fall after violation reports are received from the Sheriff and DNR.

Post cards with the Mission Statement and bullet items mailed to all land owners this Spring before the fishing opener. Motion by Linda Mackley, Second by Tony Bauer. Motion carried.

Discuss and compile bullet points to recommend to the Town Board. These are the points we will recommend be mailed to land owners communicating state laws and public safety education. Motion by Rick Rehl (as amended), Second by Tony Bauer. Motion carried.

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