

LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Jack Freyling at 10:03 am 6/24/2017.

Normal business was delayed to allow our guest speaker his time.

Speaker Ken Lowell DNR

Officer Lowell has been working for DNR since 2008. He reviewed some boater safety information:

All boats are to travel counterclockwise on the lake. This is mainly when under power boating pulling skier or tuber. Can get a ticket if seen traveling in wrong direction.

Ages on boats: Under 12 can operate under 6 hp with no restrictions, under 12 can operate 35 hp with boater safety certificate and a person over 16 with them, 12 and older boater's safety certificate, over 35 no restriction.

Jet Ski: If born before 1978 no restrictions, if born after 1978 must have a boater's safety certificate.

Can have a beer when piloting a boat but can't be impaired... this of course varies by person... but individuals should be careful and aware that if stopped alcohol limit is 0.08.

Careless operations: found mostly with Jet skis. Be aware that if you lose power you also lose your ability to steer. Should always stay away from other boats in case something would cause jet ski to "die". Also, must be 100ft of any structure... Structure is any anchored boat, dock, swim platform etc. Can use a range finder to get an idea of how far away 100ft would be as point of reference.

There had been a concern raised about a swim platform at North end of lake. Officer Lowell had stopped by house before coming to meeting, but no one was home. He will address with owner and also ask for marking for night i.e. reflectors etc.

Another concern had been a propane tank used as a marker/buoy he also stopped and no one at home. He will continue to address with owner - this is a hazard.

Scott Petersen also noted that everyone should check to have a fire extinguisher on board and check to be sure it is not expired.

Life Jackets - we must have one for each individual on board. Children ages 5yr and younger only type 1 or 2, not puddle jumpers – they must wear lift jackets anytime boat is moving.

Question: swimmers off old ramp are there at times without supervision concern for safety can we stop?

Answer: no, this is not illegal

Question: there is a sign at current landing ramp saying no swimming but people are still swimming can we stop?

Answer: Reason for no swimming was to address launching of boats. Hard to control but if caught it could be considered a civil infraction. Especially if it was during a boat launching.

Question: red flag for sign indicating no wake hours can we add?

Answer: This is a lake association sign and if we want to add a flag to help increase awareness we can.

Concern was raised that there seem to be more people not honoring the no wake period. It was clarified that those hours on sign are not specific to "NO WAKE". It was addressing high-speed boating hours. When Lake Association requested permit to have those hours to be specific to "no wake", additional information, etc would have had to be provided so it is a No high-speed boating during the hours of 7:30pm to 11am.

Officer Lowell will try to be around more during these hours to address with boaters.

Question: Do you work weekends? And where does our lake rank regarding hours being patrolled?

Answer: Yes, they do work 3 weekends out of every month. The lakes of Crystal and Whitefish are primary patrolled lakes due to size and volume. There are 15 lakes in county to be patrolled. Two DNR officers and Marine patrol out of county are responsible for coverage. DNR is more for fishing etc. or can be off lake with other duties reflective of DNR responsibilities.

If there is an emergency or something grossly inappropriate happening, call 911 and they will respond to call. DNR, County and State Police will respond even if they do not have boat and request a boat owner on lake to assist.

If we have a boat registration number we can give to DNR or County and they will contact on the complaint.

Question: Is there anything new related to controlling geese?

Answer: Not really but there is a lady who will come out and use her dog to discourage geese from property. This does not eliminate the geese but will encourage them not to come onto your property. It was noted by a member that she had heard good reviews of this person. (name and contact information of this person was given to Jack and he will list on our website) DNR might do a goose round up but not a big priority.

Question: Can you clarify the 100-ft. rule? You had noted anchored boat. What about a boat moving or pulling tube/skier?

Answer: If pulling, you are to stay 200 ft. away but if simply a boat moving there isn't a specific distance to "pass".

Question: Where can we get the book you are referring to??

Answer: Not sure but they might be at main DNR Offices such as Plainwell, Bay City and Cadillac. Also, some boat dealers may have. There is website address on booklet of www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Name of book is "Michigan Boating Laws". It was also noted that there is a tab on our website that will take you to DNR site.

We thanked Officer Lowell for his time and information.

Regular meeting started....

Introduced board members.

Asked for volunteers for Stanton and Wedel roads trustees as we are without today.

Minutes of last yr. meeting have been posted on website.

Treasurer report:

Mike Lovett provided copy of reports.

For 2016 we took in around \$1091 in dues and spent \$1057.

Motion to approve 2016 treasurer's report – by Scott Petersen accepted by Robin Ritz. Approved by vote.

2017 Budget

Proposed budget is lower this year than last yr.

Question was raised if people can still get subscription for Riparian Magazine through lake association. Yes, that is possible. Give money to Mike Lovett

Motion to Approve by Carol Peterson, seconded by Debbie. Approved by verbal vote.

Committee reports:

Adopt a road... Greg T was not there to report

Lake Monitoring: Mike Russell has gotten better since weed control... all seems well.

Lake Board report: Harvey Stark - Lake is in pretty good shape. During spring survey, found a lot of weeds and theory is due to winter temps as all lakes in area experienced the same condition. Since spring spray there is only one small spot north of landing. This area will be sprayed on Wednesday the week of 6/26 at no cost. Harvey pointed out that if no weed control within 1-2 yrs. lake would be taken over by the invasive weeds. Lake board is meeting to plan the next 5 yrs.

Question on assessment and what will happen next. Answer: what the planning is for to scope out next 5 yr operation. This is a public forum of what cost will be and tax implications. Over the last several yrs this has been reduced.

It was noted that because of lake board and focus on controlling invasive weeds our property values continue to increase. Scott Petersen noted that before lake board he was paying for his own program which was costly and didn't help with entire lake. We are now benefiting from entire lake program and cost.

Public meeting will be in Aug and a vote for renewing for next 5 yrs. Please attend this meeting and vote for lake board renewal.

Question: What about the little channel by outlet? Answer: DEQ offers limited control and we can only spray within 300 ft of outlet. This channel does have a significant number of weeds.

Question: How often do we spray? Answer: usually twice a yr.

Question: How is it determined how or what we spray? Answer: Harvey explained who we hired, how they determine what to kill and only invasive plants are targeted. There was a conversation around concerns of chemicals and their possible effects on the swimmers etc.

Question: Can we get a better notice of when spraying will be done? Other lakes are getting longer notices. Answer: Harvey will take back to Lake Board and company hired to do the spraying and again ask for better notices.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request from Magazine for article on lake... no one volunteered. If interested contact Jack Freyling

Jubilee Parade: Assist in setting up? Jack will contact folks who are responsible as they were not at meeting and post on website any details if help is needed.

Boat Parade: July 1st at 7:30pm There will be prizes.

Dues: Board has voted to raise dues for 2018 yr. by \$5

Discussion and question:

Question was raised on Muck at north end of lake. There was a discussion of some of the past researches and costs. It was determined that maybe a new committee should be formed to relook at the issue again. Jeff Miller offered to research both old data and any new ideas.

Zebra Mussels: Jack Freyling provided an update he learned at MLS meeting. There is no way to kill... a trial is being done but will be a while before any idea of results will be out there. They come in via the public landing a boats and travel in live wells from visiting boats.

Everyone should keep motor out of water when docked... also can put a small amt of bleach in water around motor while running to keep out of motor.

Meeting ended at 11:43am

THANKS TO ALL THAT ATTENDED