

Cordy Sweetwater Conservancy
Wake Committee Minutes
February 8, 2023
CSCD Office

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Meeting was recorded by A Parris and M Harper

Present: A. Parris, M. Harper, B. Clancy, S. Casey, B. Bowers, S. Leerkamp, J. Robinson.

Absent: None

Guests: Riley Ferguson, Brittany Bay

Call it order: A. Parris called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Agenda Modifications:

- Guest Riley Ferguson provided his experiences and opinions as being a prior boat patrol for CSCD. Ferguson was on boat patrol for two (2) years (2020-2021). Ferguson stated the following: from his experience there is 100s of boats on CSCD that would create a surfable wake. Wave enhancing devices can come in many different forms. Speed and trim levels are not enforceable factors. Staff members and officers could pull a boat over at anytime, such as a simple safety check, but that leads to harassment issues. If a boat is stopped to question wave enhancing devices a reasonable suspicion needs to be made prior. Over the years he has seen boats emptying their ballast bags, but its important to know what boats eject water at all times (i.e. jet boats) vs boats that are emptying ballast bags. Education to staff and patrol is very important. County Sheriffs are unable to enforce CSCD ordinances. A resolution has been passed that allows CSCD staff to check fisherman's wells. During tenure he believed he passed out three (3) wave enhancing violations. But believed he saw violations of wave enhancing at least eight (8) or more total times. Since he left no violations has been issued for wave enhancing devices. Logs are kept for violations. He believes most violations are ballast involved, but other items could be used for enhancing wake, such as wake shaper, tabs or wedges. But also the number of persons, sandbags, bricks or other weighted items could be used to enhance wake. Some features such as tabs can be used to assist in the functioning of boats. In past CSCD staff reached out to boat dealers in central and southern Indiana so they knew CSCD rules to prevent selling boats which would not meet CSCD rules. Wave surfing should never happen behind an outboard motor. It is a safety concern for other boaters, docks and persons by persons using the wake enhancing devices, but that same issue arises during busy weekends such as holiday weekends when the lake has dozens of boats no matter the type. He stated if proposed Indiana law is passed in future regarding wake boating CSCD should follow the law.

- Wake Committee member expectations.

Free Holder Concerns: None (six were present) R. Brumfield, M. Leavitt, K. Gaither, G. Harper, Jo Robinson, and M. Petersen

Approval of Minutes: N/A

Approval of Committee Board Positions: A. Parris as the CSCD Board Member choose to be the committee chair, M. Harper volunteered to be vice chair with no opposing votes, B. Clancy as committee secretary with no opposing votes.

Old Business:

- S. Leerkamps's recommendations reviewed
- Review of boat types 58 wake surfing boats are registered with CSCD.

Long Term Projects: None

New Business: None

Member Concern/Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by A Parris at 8:02 PM. Motion passed

Next Meeting: March 8, 2023, at 6 PM at CSCD Office

Respectfully Submitted by: Brian Clancy