

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy
Wake Committee Minutes
June 14, 2023
CSCD Office

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B Clancy announced recording of the meeting for note purposes

These minutes are not meant to be a full transcription.

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

Absent: S. Leerkamp, J. Robinson.

Guests: Brittany Bay

Call it order: A. Parris called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Agenda Modifications: None

Free Holder Concerns: (Limited to 3 mins)

- Tommy Quill – Stated he was at the security meeting last night and had questions about who enforced the lake rules, who keeps track of the affidavits from boat owners, interested to find out about the survey being sent out to freeholders. Is worried about the dam but stated he was told to speak with ecology. (Parris answered Quill’s questions stating once the boats are on the water, the rules are enforced by boat patrol. Affidavits are something there is a goal to clean up with a new one but that falls under the office staff to oversee them being filled out correctly. Parris stated he spoke with Nick Johann about the dams and he was informed that from the best of his knowledge that Nick has not received any information from engineers who have been hired by CSCD related to concerns about the dams due to wave activities or erosion cause by waves. Any dam concerns CSCD has been made aware of are from the spillways, not the water side.
- Nancy Quill – Asked when the last inspections of the dams were. Because Nancy was only able to find inspections in 2019 for Sweetwater and 2017 for Cordry. (Parris stated there was a coring sample done on the dams last summer, and proposals are being provided to CSCD based off those tests last summer. With main issues being on the spillways.)

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 6/14/23 approved with strike of removing the last sentence from paragraph above section labeled “Discuss Wake Test” on page 4. The strike is related to a statement from Harper. Motion to approve by Casey, second by Harper. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Survey Questions – Parris informed the committee the questions proposed by the committee members via email were shared with the CSCD executive board. Parris stated questions would need approval from the board by vote before they are sent out to freeholders. Committee members as a group went through all draft

questions editing and voting on each question. The questions/motions for questions are as followed:

Motion by Harper for Question 1, Second by Clancy, passed via 5-0 vote.

Should boats that are manufactured to create an enhanced and/or larger wakes, or watercraft that have been modified to create a large wake be in your order of preference:

1. Ban these boats.
2. Use these boats with current rule restrictions.
3. Use these boats with full surfing ballast/ wedge/ surf tab/ surf gates/ flaps/ etc.

Motion by Bowers for Question 2, Second by Casey, passed via 5-0 vote.

In your opinion, should wake surfing continue to be an approved activity allowed at CSCD with current rules?

Yes or no

Motion by Harper for Question 3, Second by Clancy, passed via 5-0 vote.

Do you believe there should be more severe consequences (more than a single ticket) to freeholders who signed a wake boat affidavit, and are found in violation of those rules?

Yes or no

Motion by Clancy for Question 4, Second by Harper, passed via 5-0 vote.

Do you feel the lakes have become more dangerous in recent years with the addition of 64 wake surfing boats which can facilitate the activity of wake surfing?

Yes or no

Motion by Bowers for Question 5, Second by Harper, passed via 4-1 vote with Casey dissenting.

Have you as a freeholder ever passed on water activities because you feel the lake was too rough or dangerous due to wake surfing?

Yes or no

Motion by Casey for Question 6, Second by Bowers, passed via 5-0 vote.

Do you believe wake surfing should be required to be done near the middle of the lake approximately 400' away from the shore and dams. (See attached photo of proposed area)

Yes or no

Motion by Clancy for Question 7, Second by Harper, passed via 5-0 vote.

If wake surfing continues to be allowed at CSCD, should the activity be allowed near or hugging the no wake buoys? Buoys around the lake are approximately 100 feet from the dams, 50 feet from the shoreline, 25 ft from docks.

Yes or no

Motion by Harper for Question 8, Second by Casey, passed via 5-0 vote.

Do you believe current CSCD wake surfing boating rules are being followed?

Yes or no

Motion by Clancy for Question 9, Second by Casey, passed via 5-0 vote.

Do you believe current CSCD wake surfing boating rules are being enforced?

Yes or no

Motion by Harper for Question 10, Second by Clancy, passed via 5-0 vote.

Do you believe if wake boats and wake surfing are not allowed at CSCD, our lakes would be less desirable?

Yes or no

Motion by Bowers for Question 11, Second by Casey, passed via 5-0 vote.

Since wake boats have been allowed at CSCD since 2015, have you experienced damage or danger to your person, shoreline, property, or boats due to wake boats that are manufactured to create an enhanced and/or larger more powerful wave?

Yes or no

If yes, please explain the damage/concern and cost to repair. Comments: (Open text box)

Motion by Harper for Question 12, Second by Clancy, passed via 5-0 vote.

General comments and/or suggestions regarding the above topics: (Open text box)

Motion by Clancy to strike a question that appeared on draft list of questions, Second by Casey, passed via 5-0 vote.

Motion by Casey for additional Question, No second was obtained, Casey withdrew motion.

Do you think this is a large wake? (Attached photo of a wake surfer)

Motion by Casey for additional Question, Second by Parris, failed 2-3 vote with Bowers, Clancy and Harper dissenting.

Do you feel that wake surfing is more dangerous than tubing?

Motion by Harper for request related to what data from survey is provided to committee, Second by Clancy, passed 3-2 vote with Casey and Parris dissenting. Motion by Harper to rescind motion to clarify the motion for a more clear understanding. Second by Clancy, passed 5-0

Motion by Harper to vet the results of the survey through the committee via the raw data from the answers only. CSCD office staff is the only ones to obtain lot numbers, freeholder names, emails. CSCD staff is to vet for accuracy of freeholder names, lots numbers, and confirms names are actual freeholders. Second by Clancy. Voted passed 5-0.

Motion by Parris to have survey sent to freeholders no later than July 21, 2023, if survey is approved by CSCD Board with a second notification sent on July 26, 2023, with having all results by August 2, 2023 Giving CSCD office staff a week to vet results before the next week boat meeting on August 9, 2023. Second by Clancy. Voted passed 4-1 Harper dissenting.

New Business: None

Member Concern/Comments:

- Harper stated Tom, from lake patrol, came to both a security meeting and board meeting last year asking if we would ban all together plowing of any kind. His concern was a safety issue on our small lakes regarding the size of the waves.
- Clancy wanted to make committee aware that he witnessed a freeholder using an illegal wake enhancing device on July 7, 2023.
- Clancy also informed the committee he reviewed the minutes from prior meetings and to date freeholders that spoke at committee meetings giving an opinion are approximately 2:1 against the activity of wake surfing/wake boats.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Parris seconded by Casey at 8:37 PM. Motion passed

Next Meeting: August 9, 2023, at 6 PM at CSCD Office

Respectfully Submitted by: Brian Clancy