

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, S. Leerkamp, J. Robinson.

Absent: None

Guests: Brittany Bay

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

Agenda Modifications:

- Harper and Robinson asked to move up Bowers recommendations questionnaire to the first item under old business.

Free Holder Concerns: (Limited to 3 mins)

- Shawn Rexroth – Believes lakes are too small and have too many boats. Is very worried about the dangers. Very worried about the dam. Stated boats are sold and designed to increase the waves. Think of the other 1000 boats, kayaks and others on the lakes. Worried about the 3 million dollars she heard is needed to fix a dam issue but the activity is being allowed. Seems a few people are making decisions for all based on their wants.
- Tommy Quill – Question he has is has the board taken into the integrity of the dam? Asked from board to show him a study proving the larger waves are not hurting the dam. Asked why there have not been any studies on our dam? Stated he believes the board is erring on the side of recklessness when it comes to the dams.
- Nancy Quill – Main issues with wake boats is the erosion and any dam issues that may come up. Asked if committee can ask board to do something to safe guard our dams. Asked is boat patrol has been enforcing the rules on wake boats.
- John Robinson – Asked Parris if he gave any thought on a point from the past meeting where he was asked to recuse himself from being involved with any votes related to wake boats. Believes no one else is going to change their mind on the topic so he is asking why the meetings are still happening, ask a solution to be presented to the board.
- Greg Harper – Stills feels like time is being wasted. Wake boats are going to continue growing in numbers while nothing is being done. Believes the board already has the majority to say no changes will be made. Knows there is a huge number of people who are not speaking out on the wake boats. Greg has been worried about these boats for years. Seeing this issue on other lakes near us.

- Tommy Kuhn – Since last meeting wake surfers are still hugging the buoys. He believes there is erosion.
- Ted Adolay – At meeting as board member and head of security committee. He's been on lakes for 43 years, this lake has a rock bottom and shore line. He does not believe there is erosion besides natural erosion. He believes more control over people who may be breaking rules (ballast, flaps) need to be enforced. Stated his shoreline has not changed in the last 43 years; as he sees more waves than anyone because he is located on Eagle Drive. He has rip rap, and has not added any just moved what he already had around.
- Sandy Snodgrass – Owns a wake boat, wont open ballast. Grandkids love the activity. Lives on Cordry on the point and enjoys watching others. Stated wake surfers she saw last weekend stayed in the middle. Has more of an issue with tubing on the lakes. States that if their family wants to use the ballast they go to Lake of the Ozarks, but prefers to do it here with family. Does not know what has been done to disable the wave enhancing features but states her family has done what is needed.
- David Finnegan – Said he agrees with everything Snodgrass said.
- Ron Condra – Stated he just purchased a wake boat and daughter enjoys wake surfing. Stated he has no problem at his property with erosion. Believes owners have obligation to maintain their land to help stop erosion. Stated he has been on the lakes since the 80s. Stated back then his dad had waves thrown in his boat by skiers. Stated the bags have been completely removed from boat. Stated he didn't see many wake board boats over the holiday weekend.
- Craig Caldwell – Got a lot of people around community who are experts and state we don't have any issues with erosion and wants to know why people wont listen to them. Stated he wake surfed over the holiday weekend and thought the surfing the in middle was helpful. He does not flood the tanks on the boat, and would love to still be able to enjoy the sport. Not sure why the boats are under the microscope. Stated he pulls the fuses on his boat to disable. Stated he thinks there is a misnomer when it comes to the language on the affidavit that states permanently disabled.
- Cheryl Condra – Stated the person with the erosion control company at the last minute stated we have no issues but the trees that are still standing up straight by the water help prove the point. Stated she graduated from Purdue in horticulture. If a tree or root system is healthy, it will stay upright. Had a landscaping company and did a lot of rip rap work on the lakes, and it is on the homeowners to install to help keep the lake health. Stated she knows their boat equipment is disengaged.
- Kelly Glover – Disappointed at last meeting and Facebook groups that she offered people to come ride her wake boat and no one did. Disappointed in turn out from the wake test. Even more from the anti wake boat people that left before the test was over. Stated she gets more wake than anyone. Been there for 30 years and have not had any issues, has a tree growing from their dock. Thinks anyone with erosion needs to take care of his or her property. The biggest wakes she notices on the lake is from a normal ski boat. Thinks this is a culture war, weekenders vs full timers, old vs new and just wants to enjoy the lake.
- Cathy Brown – Stated she is on the security committee and is at the meeting to learn. Never been on a wake boat. Knows the subject is a sore subject for both sides, she

appreciates both sides of the issue. She has a pontoon. States her rip rap get hit all the time even though she is in a cove. States people cause wake by pulling past no wake buoys and stopping.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 5/10/23 were not approved, Harper asked for multiple edits, no vote took place and was tabled.

Old Business:

- Committee Member Recommendations
 - Bowers final piece of recommendations presented by J Robinson due to Bowers absence (Sheet attached)
 - Draft questionnaire for Freeholders handed out for review.
 - Committee voted to have a survey sent out to freeholders to have community opinion. Committee agreed to make a 10-question survey via the same vehicle (survey monkey) as the Sheriff questionnaire happened earlier this year. Committee members will communicate via email and select 10 questions to have on the survey. Parris is going to ask board for the money needed to create online survey at next executive board meeting.

- Discuss “Surf not hugging buoy” recommendation
 - Harper believed the recommendation should have been tied to a rule that was enforceable by a ticket. Harper thought the motion presented to the executive board was not what she thought happened. Parris, Casey, Clancy and Robinson disagreed and thought Parris’ handling of motion to the board was on par with discussions from the prior wake committee meeting.
 - Clancy expressed his concern with certain emails that took place days before this meeting. Clancy stated that an email between only wake committee members and executive board members was leaked to a non freeholder (Riley Ferguson) who then replied to all members of the wake committee members and executive board members. Ferguson’s email was filled with horrible misinformation and his personal opinions, which directly oppose decisions made by the wake committee members and executive board members. Parris stated he disagreed with many things in Ferguson’s email. Clancy thought the leak was very concerning, disrespectful, unprofessional and immature by whoever did it. Clancy stated he thought Ferguson’s email was very immature in nature as well. He included correcting grammar/spelling mistakes in the prior email and he included links to websites to show how who to spell words. Ferguson’s email also included him saying he would not follow the recommendations already voted on and that boat patrol employees agreed with him. Clancy informed the committee and freeholders he replied to all parties via email

correcting Ferguson's misinformation. In a second email from Ferguson he even admitted to not being a freeholder. Ferguson is also not a CSCD employee as he was in the past as a boat patrol. Certain boat patrol employees have stated to Brittany and Parris they will do what is asked and do their job as asked. Harper stated she spoke with certain boat patrol employees and they do agree with Ferguson's comments.

- Discuss Wake Test
 - Casey – Explained theory and process for test. It included measure sticks placed on a fixed post at the shoreline of the test. Bouys were placed 50, 200 and 400 feet from the post. Control numbers were placed on 40 different measuring devices. The test included four different boats (Please see attached sheets for boat information and test results.) Wake surfing boat used, Mastercraft NXT20, was ran twice, without ballast and with ballast and tabs and 5 persons.
 - Clancy stated from his observation of being at the test, he felt he could see the wake boat waves had more energy or power when hitting the shoreline and area where observations were taking place. Energy or force was not something measured during the test. Parris agreed stating he thinks the ballast test had more energy compared to say the Crownline results.
 - Casey stated he believes that tubing is more dangerous than wake surfing.
 - Clancy stated he believes current buoy distances from shoreline and dam are to close.
 - Robinson stated we are in a drought and the lake is low, she stated so the waves at a normal height would go higher on shorelines than at current levels and that needs to be taken into account.
 - Casey presented his proposed course for wake surfing activity that would be 400 feet from shore and the dam. Casey stated even though Ferguson's email stated it was a "dumb idea," he still thinks it is a good idea.
 - Aaron presented the spec sheet for the boats used in the test (attached)
 - Harper stated she did not believe the test was as advertised. Many things she stated were discussed but were not included.

New Business: N/A

Member Concern/Comments:

- Harper created a comparable document of what other lakes in the area do for wake surfing. No other lake in the area allowed wake surfing near shorelines. (Please see attached)

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Clancy seconded by Parris at 8:20 PM. Motion passed

Next Meeting: July 12, 2023, at 6 PM at CSCD Office

Respectfully Submitted by: Brian Clancy

Wake Measuring Test Wave Height in Inches

Boat Type	Benn. Pontoon	M.C. Prostar	Crownline	M.C. NXT20	M.C. NXT20 - Full Ballast/Tabs & 5 people
Distance/Speed					
50 FT 10 MPH	9.750	15.000	12.375	18.000	16.500
50 FT 20 MPH	4.000	13.500	13.750	14.750	
50 FT 30 MPH		5.000	6.500	7.375	
200 FT 10 MPH	4.250	10.250	10.500	12.75 and 6.75	14.375 and 12.000
200 FT 20 MPH	2.250	4.250	8.375	4.750	
200 FT 30 MPH		4.750	5.000	5.250	
400 FT 10 MPH	2.875	4.500	2.500	6.500	7.875
400 FT 20 MPH	1.875	2.750	4.250	5.000	
400 FT 30 MPH		2.750	2.250	2.375	
144FT 22MPH O/P			4.250		
102FT 22MPH I/P			8.500		

2012 Bennington Pontoon 2275 GCW

Weight - lbs. : 2724
 Length [at waterline] 22 ft. 6 in. pontoon
 Length [deck] : 23 ft. 6 in
 Mercury Motor: 90HP

 2022 Mastercraft Prostar
 Boat length: 20' 0" / 6.1 M
 Beam: 96" / 2.44 M
 Interior width: 85.25" / 2.16 M
 Weight: 3,300 Lbs / 1,497 Kg
 Fuel capacity: 30 Gal / 113 L
 Capacity: 1,341 Lbs / 608 Kg

2021 Crownline 205 SS

Beam: 96" (2.44 m)
 Fuel Capacity: 41 gal. (155 L)
 Seating Capacity: 9 Persons
 Overall Length: 21' 9" (6.63 m) including platform
 Weight, Maximum Capacity 1,280 lbs (581 kg)
 Dry Weight: 3,945 lbs (1,789 kg)

2020 Mastercraft NXT20

Length: 20 ft. 0 in. (6.09 m)
 Beam: 96 in. (2.46 m)
 Interior Width **: 81 in. (2.06 m)
 Weight: 3970 lb. (1798.5 kg)
 Ballast with Gen 2: 1770 lb. (802.85 kg)
 Fuel Capacity: 47 gal. (178 L)
 Weight Capacity: 1804 lb. (818 kg)

Comparable data from area lakes/ June 2023

	Cordyl/ Sweetwater http://GSCD-IN.org	Princess https://townofprinceslakes.com/	Lamb lamblake.mycommunitysite.co	Grandview https://grandviewlake.org/	Lake Lemon https://www.lakelemon.org/	Heritage hlpoa.us
Acres of water	160/ 275	270 (fast area 80 acres)	400	1650	318	
Distance buoys to shore	50 feet	100 feet	100 feet	200 feet	75 feet	
Distance buoys to docks	30 feet		60 feet	180 feet		
Distance buoys to dam	100 feet		200 feet	200-300 feet		
Wake surfing allowed on lake in what locations?	For 8 years allowed 30' from docks, 50' from shore, 100' from dams. For 2023 season recommended middle of lake.	East lake only allows skiing and knee boarding. No tubing, wake boarding or wake surfing.	-Surf in the middle of the lake -Surf a minimum of 300 feet up to 1000 feet from shore	Limit wake surfing and wakeboarding to the middle sections of the widest parts of the lake.	Wake surfing may only be performed near the middle of the Main Body of the Lake. Wake surfing is prohibited in the North Fork or East Fork (Clubhouse Cove.)	
Restrictions on wake enhancing devices	-Wake enhancing devices supposed to be permanently disabled.	Not allowed	-Boats are supposed to disable all wake enhancing devices including ballast and surf tabs.	-No wake enhancing devices of any kind allowed on the boat. This includes weights, plates, water sacs, hull design and crowding people to the rear just to increase wake size. -You are responsible for your wake and any damage it may cause.	-\$200 additional yearly fee for boats with ballast. -Wakesurf at least 100 yards (300 feet) away from any shoreline, dock, fixed objects or small craft -Refrain from filling ballast to max and do not use additional ballast. -Unballasted cruising conditions or no wake within the narrow sections of the lake. -Do not wake surf or wake board during low light conditions. -Do not use on-board ballast when cruising or waterskiing	
Boat weight limit	4000 lbs		4500 lbs	None		
Notes:		A committee studied the affects of wake boats on a lake their size after a dock, on the main body, collapsed into the lake and erosion was becoming an issue. All recommendations to limit surfing and wake boats were voted down. No changes made.	The whole community voted whether or not to ban wake surfing/ wake boats (not just their board) per their byla			