

Boating Committee
Lake Sara / Effingham Water Authority
Effingham IL 62401

MINUTES TO MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: September 17, 2008
LOCATION: Brad Hasting's home
DURATION: 6:30PM to 8:30PM
ATTENDEES: Darrell Hoffman, Brad Hastings, Ben Holmes, Bruce Kowalski

Old Business Topics:

1. **Pamphlet/Sign Update:** Pamphlet final version was sent to EWA (Betty) for review and forwarded to Wortman Printing. Ramp-sign final version was approved by EWA. Darrell forwarded invoice for signs to EWA, which Betty indicated that she would pay upon final approval by board. Sign company will not begin producing signs until they receive full payment.

New Business Topics:

1. **EWA Meeting Notes:** Boating Committee discussed TWO issues that continue to be brought up at EWA meetings: 1.) Permit Pricing for BOTH rental boats (which both marinas rent out, from time to time) and "temporary" boat use. 2.) The possibility of a designated Swimming Area. Although we came to no unanimous conclusion to either issue, we discussed the following:
Permit pricing: in general, we believe that full price should be paid for rental boats and we must continue discussion regarding the possibility of a "short term" boat permit.
Swimming Area: we are going to do a bit more research and make some contacts over the winter months regarding the pros and cons of such an area.
2. **Good Neighbors Presentation:** Darrell gave a presentation to the GN organization regarding highlights of our past year's activities. It seemed well received and a handful of questions came out of the meeting -- two of which dealt with length and horsepower limits. Our committee is not prepared to encourage such limitations at this time. Darrell collected six written "Topic Cards" from the GN members for our committee to work on over the winter months.
3. **Naming Coves:** Brad located the map that he (and other Lake residents) had worked on in the past showing the proposed names of the "smaller" coves on Lake Sara. Without opposition by anyone in our Committee, Brad is going to pursue finalizing (with EWA) the names indicated on his most recent map. Our Committee will help him however we can.
4. **Shoreline Protection Campaign:** Darrell came into possession of a brochure which highlights the Erosion Control Committee's effort to raise money for additional rip-rap on EWA property. We discussed the benefits of the program and wish success to the Erosion Control Committee. The benefit of the program is that private contributions will trigger additional state and/or federal funding, multiplying the effect of each and every dollar collected.
5. **NO WAKE after dark:** The Boating Committee will further discuss and present a recommendation regarding a change in the Ordinance for boating after dark. The basic change would be from 10MPH to NO WAKE. We will formally present this suggestion at a later date.