



Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association

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LKWA Membership Meeting Minutes - August 2016

Standing in for Acting President Kirk Meloney was the secretary Joan Izen. Kirk was out of town in Vermont helping with some family issues.

Joan Izen read the minutes of the July 2016 meeting and a motion of approval was made by Joe Fegan and seconded by Ted Hilton, all were in favor of the acceptance of the minutes.

A member brought up the issue that they and others have witnessed on several occasions. They have seen boats pulling multiple tubers with only one spotter in the boat. The State Department of Marine requires that each tube requires one spotter and each individual skier being pulled by a boat also requires a spotter. LKWA members have seen multiple violations of safe boating practice of either not enough spotters or a boat pulling more than 2 skiers. Another violation that was noted was boaters violating the 150 foot safe distance from shore or objects in the water (rafts) when at speed.

Safe boating practices and enforcement of such is not part of the LKWA charter but as lake members we should all encourage safe boating practices. Lake Kanasatka individuals can take action and report violations to the state Marine Patrol Unit in the hope that the state would act at some level to curtail unsafe boating practices so as to limit the risk to individuals on our lake.

Below is an excerpt of relative law.

168:1 Motorboat Towing. Amend RSA 270-D:3, III to read as follows:

III. No more than 6 persons may be towed on one or more inflatable tubes and no more than 2 persons may be towed on water skis, aquaplanes, or other devices from the same motorboat at the same time. When [2] 3 or more persons are being towed, 2 observers, in addition to the operator, shall be in the towing vessel. Such observers shall be 13 years of age or older.

Notwithstanding this paragraph, more than 2 skiers may be towed if a special permit is issued by the director.

Another issue raised was excessive noise around the lake late at night. The town of Moultonborough has an Ordinance Number 10, An Ordinance Relative to Unnecessary Noise, which addresses this issue. This too is not a LKWA issue but noting this in these minutes may help individuals recognize that excessive noise particularly at night from homes or camps on our lake can carry across the lake and disturb multiple residents.

John Scudder provided a loon update as he documented on our website <http://www.kanasatka.org/>. He said the two adult loons have been banded, blood tested and weigh and appear to be in good health. The one surviving chick is also doing well; see the details on the above website provided by the Loon Preservation Committee.

Kevin Kelly gave a brief summary of our health of our lake and said we are not slipping but we need to be vigilant towards the protection of our lake. He stated that the University of New Hampshire led by Bob Craycraft will be visiting the lake on August 18 to do their annual detail testing which supplements the testing done by the Kelly's, the Carlson's, and the Hutchinson's.

The meeting was called to a close by a motion by Phyllis Komlos and Joe Fegan and all in attendance were in agreement.

Following the meeting we had a great lunch served by the hosts Sandra and Kevin Kelly and the LKWA members who helped supplement the hot dogs and hamburger with an array of salads and deserts. It was another great meeting and luncheon with our members.

Rob Baker treasurer for Joan Izen secretary