



Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

Town Lakes Committee Voting Members			
Lake Organization	Member #1	Member #2	Alternate member
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Committee chairman: **Ted Ritter** ted.ritter@stg.town

Meeting minutes, 05/19/2022

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Ritter at 10:00AM
2. **Confirm meeting posting:** Agenda was posted in accordance with Town Board procedures on 05/13/2022
3. **Verify a quorum in attendance:** Meeting was conducted by Ritter in Room 4 of the St. Germain Community Center with a virtual option. Committee members physically present in Room 4: Koschnik, Seidl, Vogel, Steinhilber, Lord, Zielinski, Waisbrot, Eade, Schell, Schultz, Ritter. No committee members attended virtually.
4. **Discussion/action topics:**
 - a. **Approve minutes of April 21, 2022, meeting:** Motion Schell, second Eade to approve with correction of spelling (item 4h, Shell to Schell). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. **Review status of Facebook page:** Eade reported the page now has 85+ followers. Eade is looking for committee authorization for more postings of content to keep the page fresh.
 - c. **Authorize additional Facebook page content:** Waisbrot suggested including a document summarizing the history of, and future plans for, fish stocking on St. Germain lakes. Motion Ritter, second Vogel that Eade be authorized to post the fish stocking data suggested by Waisbrot and also have the discretion to use anything posted in the Lakes Committee Library. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - d. **Review 3rd draft of Boater Laws / Courtesy Code (Jeannie Lord):** Final amendments discussed. Motion Eade, second Waisbrot to print 500 copies. Lord to obtain price options. Authorization to proceed to be granted at June meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

e. Consider talking points for boat patrol public discussion: Following were agreed to. Ritter to present draft letter at June meeting:

- Long term upward trend in the size and horsepower of boats
- Recent rapid increase in the number of boats on area lakes due to the expansion of waterfront homes being used as tourism rental properties.
- Increase in the number of boating conduct complaints from lake users and waterfront property owners
- Reduction of WDNR and County law enforcement presence on area lakes
- Encouragement by WDNR and County law enforcement for municipalities to develop their own local boat patrol capabilities (with 75% of cost paid by State)
- Ability for Town enforcement to respond in a timely manner to local complaints
- Lake management plan stakeholders' survey responses to boating related questions
- Economic value of safe boating to local tourism and the high percentage of Town property taxes being paid by waterfront properties and the amount of room tax revenues being generated by waterfront rental properties
- The burden of lake management falling on the shoulders of lake organizations
- The ability of the Town Lakes Committee to pay the 25% local cost share of a boat patrol program without asking the lake organizations for any financial contribution

f. Review summary of stakeholder survey results pertaining to boating safety: No summaries yet available

g. Fisheries management plan status: Draft review pending comments from WDNR Fisheries Biologist

f. Review Committee financial status: Ritter reported that \$10,402.17 in checks have been received from the grant reimbursements for the recently completed lake management plan updates, although the money has not yet been credited to the Lakes Committee account. With no invasive species management costs approved for any lakes this year, Ritter is considering informing the Town Board that the Committee will not need the \$15,000 approved for transfer from the Town's room tax account. No objections were raised by the Committee.

h. Approve lakes improvement spending requests:

- i. Motion Schell, second Waisbrot to approve a request from the Lost Lake District to use its \$939.00 in 2022 room tax Lake Operations Fund for partial payment of its 2022 Lost Lake Canada Goose population management program. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- ii. No action taken on the Big St. Germain Lakes Area District to approve using \$3,060.00 for 2022 CBCW expenses. The amount requested exceeds the 2022 room tax Lake Operation allocation of \$1,281.00 and is less than Big Saint's Lake Improvement Funds balance of \$5,249.57. Ritter will seek clarification of the request.

i. Committee concerns for future meeting agendas: None

5. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:31. Next meeting June 16