

To: Ad Hoc Committee on Wake Boats
From: Don Snell (Volunteer Lake Patrol Coordinator)
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RE: Wake Boats

After being away from home for much of the last two weeks, I have been informed that at the October 22nd SLW Board Meeting someone presented a petition with 520 residents that disagreed with banning wake boats from Lake Auman. I am on the lake committee and have been fully involved with the discussions on the wake boat controversy. During these discussions both sides of the issue expressed their respective positions. As I recall, the minority pro wake boat position was; except for possibly readjusting the location of some of the ski buoys, the rules should remain “status quo” with no changes in rules to limit in any way wake boating on Lake Auman. However, the majority of Lake Committee Members established a position and agreed that the BOD should amend the rules to instate a management mechanism that would limit the growth of the number of “Wake Boats” on our lake. Clearly, the Lake Committee majority did not agree to “Ban Wake Boats” from Lake Auman.

The Pro Wake Boat group are against limiting the number of these types of boats and demanded that the committee produce evidence of complaints from lake lot owners and evidence of property damage caused by wake boating. In their presentations, they stated that they want their sport to grow on Lake Auman, however, they also stated that they require flat water when wake boating. Their own testimony is self-contradicting. Increased numbers of wake boats would create a negative effect on their sport because they too would be hampered by increased wave activity. Managing the growth of the number of wake boats would be beneficial for everyone including the pro wake boat owners.

In my opinion, the Board of Directors must take the position to manage growth. They should not believe that such management will result in taking something away from a certain group of people.