

IT'S ABOUT GOVERNANCE, NOT WAKEBOATS

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BACKGROUND:

- The SLW Board of Directors (BOD) controls the community Message Board and the E-blast. Due to BOD control and censorship of communications, Lake Auman Watch was created to tell “the other side of the story.”
- The community Message Board was used by the BOD to demean a family who attempted to take legal action against the BOD in 2020.
- The BOD used the E-blast to disparage a community member that was a candidate for the 2021 election to the BOD.
- The BOD refuses to release video recordings of BOD meetings, and transcripts that they do release in the form of “minutes” are often incomplete.

LEGAL ACTION:

- The BOD repeatedly refuses to answer questions posted by community members on the Message Board.
- As a result, a **Notice and Demand for Corrective Action** was sent to the board from our legal counsel requesting “an amicable resolution”. The BOD refused to respond.
- Lack of reply from the BOD left us with little choice but to submit a legal complaint.
- The BOD has released the names of the litigants listed on this complaint which is not required by any law and was not done in 2 previous legal issues that were settled by the board.
- The cost of those 2 previous settlements exceeds the cost of the proposed NC State Lake Study.

CONCERNS:

- In November 2020, 5 longstanding members of the Lake Committee were dismissed under the pretense of streamlining the committee. All 5 members’ have opinions that happen to be contrary to the committee leadership’s agenda
- The co-chair of the Lake Committee when the group dismissal occurred is now the current Secretary of the BOD.
- Questions about election votes being cast by developers, which is not allowed by our by-laws, have gone unanswered by the BOD.
- A formal complaint was filed with the Community Manager regarding developer lots, and **NO RESPONSE** has ever been received.
- Results of this questionable election created a pro wake boat BOD making it difficult to have a reasonable discussion regarding the effects of wake boats on our lake and dam.
- The BOD will not allow an audit of the election results.
- The BOD Treasurer openly admitted that the community did have the funds in our reserve account to cover the cost of this study and she made a motion to fund the Lake Study with these funds.
- In March 2021, the BOD fired the Community Advocate after he substantiated complaints against the BOD.
- In April 2021, the BOD voted “NO” on the NC State Lake Study against the recommendations of the Lake Committee, the Dam Committee, and the Lake Master Planning Committee.
- In May 2021, the BOD refused to accept the Judicial Panel’s appointment of the panel’s chair and removed all but one member from the Judicial Panel.
- During the June 2021 BOD meeting, our treasurer admitted to being unaware of specific reporting duties and has failed over many months to provide the community with **required financial documentation**.