

2019-2010 part 2

## *Lake Williams Beach Association*

PO Box 52, Lebanon, Connecticut 06249

August 1, 2009

Dear Beach Association Members,

At the July 26 meeting of the Board of Directors, Judy McCabe resigned as President of the Association due to time constraints. She will be sorely missed. Judy has been a great asset to the Board over the last four years in each of the positions that she has held. In her place, The Board of Directors asked Ryk Nelson to fill out the term for President. Kirk Matson has agreed to resume as Treasurer. We are looking for a volunteer to fill the opening for a Director.

At the Annual Meeting, the Association approved creating a By-Laws revision committee. Please contact Ryk Nelson, or any Board member, if you are interested in serving on the committee or if you have ideas you would like considered. We plan to meet and begin the process by the end of August.

There will be a work party to spread sand at Beach 2 on Saturday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Please come and help.

Sincerely,

Ryk Nelson  
President  
3 Lake Shore Dr  
Lebanon, CT  
860-642-6680

Diane Maquis, Vice President  
Christy Kelly, Secretary  
Kirk Matson, Treasurer  
Dave Gendreau, Tax collector  
Dave Pearson, Director  
Don Serbin, Director  
Fred Doyle, Director

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**Minutes – By-Laws Committee – October 3, 2009 as revised 11/7/2009**

**Attendance:** Gil Koss, John Serbin, Dawn Jacques, Diane Marquis, Barry Walwyn, and Ryk Nelson

**Absent:** Dave Schulze

**Also present:** Judy McCabe

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, John Serbin at 10:05. John appointed Ryk Nelson as secretary.

Ryk passed out copies of the charter and by-laws. Ryk shared a draft that he had created for the members to get the process started.

## **Roberts Rules of Order and Proxy votes**

Gil recommended that the by-laws should include a statement that the Association conducts its business under Robert's Rules of Order.

Discussion included concern that proxy votes are prohibited under Robert's Rules of Order. A suggestion was made to change proxy votes to absentee ballots that could be sent to Association members prior to the meeting. Ryk expressed concern that if an agenda item was amended, the vote may need to be tabled, with the result of another meeting having to be held with another round of agenda notices and absentee ballots.

## **Jet skis and the gate**

The next topic was to modify the by-laws to allow the launching of jet skis at the boat launch/beach 2. Concern was expressed about gate security. The topic was tabled for further discussion.

## **Presentation to the Board and Membership**

Ryk suggested that when the committee presents the by-laws proposal to the Board of Directors, and ultimately to the Membership, that it be presented

as 3 votes: proxies, jet skis, and the rest of the proposed revisions. In this way, if an issue is voted down, the rest of the revisions can still be passed.

**Cross reference**

Barry suggested that we cross reference our proposals to simplify comparisons.

**Meeting notification**

Diane proposed that notification for board meetings be increased from 5 to 7 days.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, Nov. 7 at 10:00 am at Ryk's house at 3 Lake Shore Drive.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

## *Lake Williams Beach Association*

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### **Minutes – By-Laws Committee – November 7, 2009**

**Attendance:** Gil Koss, John Serbin, Dawn Jacques, Diane Marquis, Barry Walwyn, David Schulze, and Ryk Nelson

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Serbin at 10:07.**

**The minutes of the October 3, 2009 meeting were amended on the topic of jet skis: The next topic was to modify the by-laws to allow the launching of jet skis. Minutes were approved as amended.**

**The committee reviewed the existing by-laws along with Ryk's draft. Minor changes were proposed in both format and language in several existing sections. Additional discussions on proxy voting and boat storage.**

**Next meeting: January 9, 2010 at 10:00 am at 3 Lake Shore Drive**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm**

APPROVED MARCH 20, 2010

## Lake Williams Beach Association

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Minutes – By-Laws Committee – January 30, 2010

Attendance: Gil Koss, Barry Walwyn, Dave Schulze and Ryk Nelson

Absent: Dawn Jacques, Diane Marquis, John Serbin

Also present: Judy McCabe

The meeting was called to order by Gil Koss at 10:10.

The Committee reviewed the proposed articles governing use of Association property.

Section A-14: Launching of jet skis, the Committee is concerned about the potential of increased liability. Ryk will check with the insurance agent.

The Committee reviewed and made changes to a proposal on storage of boats and watercraft on association property. By-Law A-15: The storage of boats and other watercraft on Association property is not permitted from November 1 to May 1. Boats and other watercraft remaining on Association property during that period will be removed and stored at the owner's expense. Boats and watercraft unclaimed at the annual meeting will be sold to cover storage fees. Notice will be sent to the membership prior to the annual meeting regarding any unclaimed watercraft.

The Committee reviewed and made changes to a proposal on damage of personnel property while on Association property. By-Law A-16 The Association is not liable for any damage done to personnel property while on Association properties.

The Committee deleted Section B-1A: parking in designated areas as redundant. The Committee added Section B-2, storage of watercraft is not



permitted at these beaches. The Committee moved B-3 storage of more than one boat or other watercraft is not permitted to Section C.

The committee reviewed Section C regarding Beach 2. The Committee deleted Section C-1A parking in designated areas as redundant.

Barry volunteered to draft a letter to the Board of Directors regarding proxies.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 10:00 am at Ryk's house at 3 Lake Shore Drive. Agenda: Committee recommendation on jet skis and finalizing the draft by-laws.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07.

# Lake Williams Beach Association

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Minutes – By-Laws Committee – March 20, 2010

Attendance: Gil Koss, Diane Marquis, Barry Walwyn, and Ryk Nelson

By telephone: Dawn Jacques

Absent: John Serbin, Dave Schulze

The meeting was called to order by Gil Koss at 10:10.

The minutes of the Nov. 7, 2009 and Jan. 9, 2010 meetings were not available. The minutes of the Jan. 20, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

Ryk had talked with the insurance company and the Lake Williams Beach Association carried liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars. Also adding jet skis launching at Beach 2 would not increase the premiums. The By-laws Committee believes that the Board of Directors should consider increasing the coverage.

Ryk moved, seconded by Diane, that the committee delete the prohibition against the launching of jet skis at 2<sup>nd</sup> beach. Discussion by the committee centered on two areas: in favor of the motion so as to treat all watercraft equally and not in favor of the motion as a concern of a perception of lack of control about who uses the launch and increased risk of liability exposure to the beach association. The motion was defeated 3 to 2 - with Dawn, Barry, and Gil opposed to the motion while Ryk and Diane supported the motion.

Barry recommended the following changes: in article 1, section C: the phrase “including proxies” be changed to “and proxies”; in article 4, section c: the phrase “including proxies” be changed to “and proxies”; in article 5, section A-6 insert the words “currently dated” between a and permit in the last sentence.

There was discussion to set a period of time for proxy submission prior to the annual meeting to allow or validation of the proxies submitted. It was not changed.

Barry moved, Diane seconded to delete from the proposed by-laws article 1, section A-1, the proposed language regarding Roberts Rules of Order. Motion carried 3 to 2 with Barry, Diane, and Dawn in favor of the motion and Gil and Ryk opposed to the motion.

Ryk moved, seconded by Barry to approve the By-laws recommendations of January 30, 2010 as amended March 20, 2010, including the deletion of Article 1, section a-1 regarding Roberts Rules of Order; Article A, section C replacing the word including with and; Article 4, section c replacing the word including with and; Article 5, section A-6 adding currently dated between a and permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

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Dear Lake Williams Beach Association Members,

The By-Laws committee included: John Serbin, chair, Gil Koss, Barry Walwyn, Diane Marquis, David Schulze, Dawn Jacques, and Ryk Nelson.

The By-laws Committee has revised the by-laws. This By-Laws proposal has been approved by the Board of Directors with two amendments.

- 1) Article 5, Section A-6 on page 7, the Board recommends deleting the words "currently dated".
- 2) Article 5, Section C-3 on page 8, the Board recommends changing the dates from "November 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>" to "November 15<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>".

**To approve the By-Laws Proposal as presented by the By-Laws Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, a two-third (2/3) majority of members present and proxies is required.**

The By-Laws proposals have been reorganized in an effort to improve readability. Pages have been numbered, and articles and sections have been established to put like topics together.

In the packet the By-Laws have been presented in color:  
Black – original language from the old by-laws  
Green – a cross-reference to the old by-laws  
Red – changes proposed by the By-Laws Committee  
Blue – explanations for changes made

Thanks to the committee members who spent many hours of work on the project.

Please vote to approve these changes and we'll see you at the Annual Meeting on June 6 at 1:00 at "The Acre".

Sincerely, Ryk Nelson, Board President