

Interim Report by Slalom Course Committee

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All Bad Medicine Lakers

Please email all responses to clhalbakken@gmail.com

This is certainly a topic that sometimes finds friends and neighbors at odds. We have appreciated all responses and look forward to hearing more detailed responses from you in this next final stage.

The committee has had many memorable responses from you the residents. Here is one that spoke to the great history of Bad Medicine with full permission we share with everyone.

"My Grandpa built a cabin on BML in 1936. I believe it was the third cabin on the lake. My husband and I raised our kids on BML and just this past week enjoyed three days with 17 of our 18 grandchildren and their parents at the cabin. When my boys were upper teens someone gave them a ski course! I had never heard of such a thing! They enthusiastically learned how to put it in the lake...and 2-3 hours later it was ready to go! At that time there was no 'group' to tell them it wasn't 'legal' and the course stayed in for the few weeks we spent at BML and came out. Others used it and it was great fun. About the third year of our course someone stopped by and said we needed a permit! What a joke. We thought nothing of it and one more year put out the course. The boys grew up married had kids and skiing was exchanged for a lily pad. I am weary of a few people deciding what is permissible and what is not on BML. My dad would be shocked to learn a permit is needed for almost anything pertaining to lake life. In his day people loved the lake and cared for it...without the 'committee' telling them how to do so. I am ALL FOR A SKI COURSE ON BML AND LETTING IT STAY UP ALL SUMMER! Sincerely, Jean Holiday Dunham on behalf of my seven children and soon to be 20 grandchildren."

Oh how times have changed

The focus of this committee is to equitably come to common ground with a solution that is reasonable to all.

Here are the findings thus far.

1. 18 are totally against a permit for slalom course.
2. 8 are totally in favor of a permit for a slalom course.
3. 24 are in favor of a slalom course with limits of time and placement.
4. There is too little support for a long term permitted course. I.E. more than 3 weeks.
5. There is too much support for a course to have no permitted course.

Things the committee is studying

1. How far from shore should a course be? 150ft, 200ft, 250ft?
2. What is the time period the course permit should be for:
 - A) 1 week
 - B) 10 days
 - C) 14 days
 - D) 1 month
3. What level of participation to get affected property owners permission should course operators be responsible to do?
4. Does the course have to be full length?
5. Does the distance from shore get measured from the center of the course were the boat travels or does it measure from shore to near edge of buoys?
6. What are the details for the BMLAA board informing members before approving the issuing of a permit?
7. What percent of property owners that are directly adjacent to said course are needed to approve course placement, Simple majority or 2/3 majority?
8. What daily start and stop times are acceptable?
9. Does there need to be a liability insurance policy held by the name of person on the permit?
10. There is little appetite for users of the course inviting other skiers with boats to use the course. How is this dealt with?

The committee will have final resolution and proposal submitted to the board a minimum of 10 days before September board meeting. The committee will recommend sharing of the report with the full membership at that time.

Attached Map

The proposed areas are marked 1-8.

#1 considered less than optimal due to fishing, resort and too narrow to support alternating course from one approved time to next rotation.

#2 possibility

#3 possibility

#4 considered less than optimal due to fishing and too narrow to support alternating courses from one approved time to the next rotation.

#5 possibility

#6 possibility

#7 considered less than optimal due to excess courses adjacent to each other

#8 possibility

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