From the Slalom Course Committee

July 27, 2020

The Slalom Course Committee has received 11 responses thus far. We send our sincere thanks to each of you who have responded. Your input is very important and extremely helpful to the committee in forming a proposal to submit to the board.

For all who have not yet taken a moment to email us your thoughts and ideas, please do so now. We want and need your input!

Information about STAGE 2 of the committee's work will be sent out August 5th and will include a map of possible course locations along with initial thoughts and suggestions guided by your emailed statements and proposed solutions.

An important point for all to remember and a FYI to those who are unaware: Slalom skiers are legally able to put out a course on the lake for the day. That means sunrise setup to sunset take down. The course must follow basic guidelines such as adequate distance from shore and docks, no obstruction of boat traffic, etc. Some have questioned why the course is out front of their property and that, in a nutshell, is the reason why. In contrast, a permit allows slalom skiers to leave the course up overnight and for an extended period of time as defined by the terms of the permit. The committee's focus is on coming to a resolution on the permit process.

There are a few misconceptions that are moving through our lake community, one in particular that I would like to clear up. The committee appreciates and values all the responses we receive. It is our policy to use the comments but maintain the privacy of those who have responded. We believe most residents appreciate that the committee will not associate names with statements or forward your emails to others. As chairman, I can assure you that is the policy for the committee. The comments will be grouped and those sent to the board will also be anonymous.

In similar fashion, the names of the committee members are anonymous. One person has called this a secretive process, I call it a process with integrity and respect. The Slalom Course Committee is committed to assisting the Bad Medicine Lake community find a resolution to the ski course issue while maintaining a high level of integrity and fairness throughout the process.

Thank you to everyone for your trust and support of the committee.

Regards, Curtis Halbakken--

Bad Medicine Lake Area Association