

## 2020 Annual Report -- SEE Committee

### Origin/Philosophy:

- At the June 2019 BMLAA Board meeting the Bad Medicine Safety, Education & Etiquette (SEE) Committee was launched. The goal of the SEE Committee is *'To have Safety, Education & Etiquette be on the top of the mind as far as awareness and to bring lake lovers together, not drive them apart.'*
- The plan is to provide informational and educational material to improve boating behavior for watercraft of all kinds. The SEE Committee and BMLAA are NOT enforcement and are NOT going to attempt to create regulations. The SEE Committee supports all legal recreational activities on the lake.
  - **Safety** – Updated will include topics related to continuing Bad Medicine's strong safety record in recent history. Topics will include life vest usage, boat/PWC safety, dock safety, etc... Anything the BMLAA feels others should know to help keep everyone safe.
  - **Education** – We fear what we don't understand, education can help with this. Most issues can be solved with simple communication. The goal is to not let conflict govern our lake, but to work together to understand the many, many different types of recreation on the lake.
  - **Etiquette** – There are many things which are not illegal, but certainly not necessary. The goal here is to reduce these instances as much as possible, while keeping in mind everyone makes mistakes from time to time.

### Current Events:

- The SEE Committee developed an Educational/Informational 'poster' which includes a combination of DNR Regulations and recommended boating behavior. As noted above, the committee isn't an enforcement group, but helped to put together recommendations based on the most common occurrences on the lake to improve everyone's experience. At the end of the day, everyone needs to share the lake as best we can.
- This year we were able to get this information to the three resorts and it is available for their guests upon check-in. This is a win as those who come to the lake for a short period of time often don't understand the 'ins and outs' of the lake as well as the residents.
- To help even more, we've reached out to the DNR about having a kiosk at the landing which could house much of the same information for day traffic. Hopefully there is more to come on this in 2021

### Where?

- The SEE Committee Educational/Informational Poster was sent out via the BMLAA Directory email address list, posted on the BMLAA website and is also available at the local resorts. Extra copies can be emailed or mailed by request.

### Committee Members:

- The current volunteer committee consists of Sue Shannon, Steve Lindow, William Herauf, Curt Halbakken, Barb Christiansen and Matt Hanson.

### Summary:

Surely there is no lake that lives in pure harmony but if the community works together we can all make it a little bit better.

Matt Hanson