



TOWN OF EAGLE LAKE PATROL

YEAR END REPORT

May 1, 2010 to October 1, 2010

To: Town of Eagle Chairman and Supervisors.

Mission: To do the best we can to help keep Eagle Springs Lake a safe environment for all that use it. To be accountable and follow through on all complaints brought to our attention.

Hours on the Lake: 195 hours (Less than any other year).

Citations issued 47 for the year

Warnings 119 for the year

Number 1 citation is not enough or no wearable PFD's.

Number 1 warning is going wrong direction on the lake.

Boat: We pulled the boat on September 26, 2010. Cleaned the hull and stored all the equipment. The boat was left behind Town Hall for Tom to put in the Town garage with a tarp over it. A list was given to him to have the prop balanced, winterized, and adjust fast idle arm.

September: It was a quiet month, cool and a little wet, not good for recreational boating; only good for goose hunting. We again assisted a hunter finding his wounded geese.

2011 Season: Start on May 20, 2011, and finish September 20, 2011. This will get us in the water and be ready for Memorial Day and stay out after Labor Day. Looking at my records for September, boat traffic and activity shuts down.

Training: All Officers will maintain their certifications over the winter so we qualify with the DNR requirements that boat Officers are certified.

Next year I have to do some extra training with the guys so they totally understand issues on buoys and what their purpose is. We had one issue where a citation was issued and there was NO VIOLATION. CITATION WAS DISMISSED!

Recap:

- * New Officer on board, we are in good shape now with manpower. It can change if one of the Officers switches shifts.
- * Court – The Town Attorney only looks at citations in Court when a person shows up and charges only for those reviewed.
- * No reported accidents this year.
- * Several high risk arrests made with backup from Waukesha County Sheriff's Department.
- * Respond the best we can to complaints made of issues on the lake. Sometimes all it took was a gentle talking to at someone's pier to address it.
- * Late night complaints. There will always be a boater ripping up the lake during SNW hours. We would only address it if it was a continuing complaint where we would be justified to have a crew out that late.
- * Big tie-up on Lulu Lake. Mutual aid called from Walworth County Sheriff's Department.

Budget: The Board has the 2011 Lake Patrol budget. If there are any questions, the Board can e-mail me and I can call you back.

Summary: We continue to see a rise in canoes and kayaks using the lake. It is nothing to see 20 of them crossing the lake to go to Lulu Lake. Please advise lake residents in the newsletter to give them the right-of-way. We have seen a couple of ski boats come out of the ski channel and throw a big wave at them. The motor boats are responsible for their wakes. A lot of the people renting canoes are inexperienced and can flip over easily.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sergeant Dennis Nork

Town of Eagle Lake Patrol