

MINUTES OF THE BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Department of Natural Resources

October 6, 2010

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pam Berger	Present
Steve Christensen	Present
Lucy Minahan	Absent
Paulette Welch	Present
Troy Mann	Present
Guy Taylor	Present
Tim Gaylord	Present
Ray Schelble	Present
Hank Cobb	Present (came in at 5:00 pm)

DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RECREATION PERSONNEL

Dave Harris	Boating Program Manager
Ann Evans	Boating/OHV Education Specialist
Stacy Stickler	Boating Executive Secretary
Brody Young	River Ranger (guest)

APPROVAL OF APRIL AND JULY MINUTES

Steve made the motion to accept the April minutes as presented. Guy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There was not a quorum present at the July meeting so no business was conducted.

65' VESSEL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Document attached.

R651-215-2 proposed language

Replace (2) with the following wording: 40 feet or greater in length there shall be at least two type iv PFDs on board, one shall be a minimum 18" ring buoy type with at least 30 feet of rope attached. Where reasonable one shall be located near the bow and one shall be located near the stern of the vessel.

Carbon monoxide smoke detector requirements – due to few accidents, costs unknown, unknown reliability of CO detectors, it will be hard to justify these recommendations. Majority of CO poisonings are from generators outside of the vessel.

Smoke detectors - not too many boat fires a year when people are sleeping.

Steve made the motion to accept the language as proposed. Guy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

RENTAL AGREEMENTS

Due to several rental companies complaining about persons required to carry rental agreements on non motorized vessels, language was proposed for non motorized and non sail vessels to be exempt from carrying the rental agreement on board.

Dave will rewrite the proposed rule change, email it to the council and have it on the agenda for the next meeting.

ABANDONED VESSEL DEFINITION

Dave, the AG's office, Ty Hunter and Dick Buehler, Director of Forestry Fire and State Lands, met to discuss concerns about people living on the water where there is not appropriate mooring, anchoring, beaching or waste disposal.

Evidence of persons living on the water at Utah Lake and on the Colorado River.

Dave is working on legislative language with DMV to define abandoned vessels.

RECOMMENDED PFD WEAR

National level Army Corp. of Engineers back east conducted an experiment to require all boaters to wear a PFD at all times. In New York from October through March boaters have to wear a PFD at all times, in Utah PFDs must be worn on all rivers except flat water river areas. In some states, they and the Feds are looking at accident stats on PFD wear. Utah may want to look at future restrictions. In the last 5 years we have had 31 drownings 18 of those did not have PFDs on. The majority happened on open motorboats.

CPFH TESTING EVALUATION

Steve would like to be involved in the review process; misleading questions, poorly worded questions, fooling people with some of the questions, irrelevant questions, etc.

We will review the test and answers. Brody and Steve would like to be in the review process.

BOATING PROGRAM UPDATE

Boating education bill – our agency is not going to sponsor an education bill at this time with everything else going on; privatization, legislative session, etc. This is not

the proper time to do it, but we will push forward and gain support for boater education at a later time.

Parks staff will email the council facts on mandatory education stats from other states.

We have all age ranges of people taking the online course. Last past federal fiscal year we had 9540 students take the test, which is an increase from federal fiscal year 2009 of 565 students. That is an increase of 365 students who took the test. This is a first increase in ten years. We are hitting the PR really hard. We have Press releases, PSAs running, posters in libraries, etc.

Total online adults, 104 adults have taken the course, 292 out of state people have taken the course, total online students 921.

Adults take the same online course as the kids do. Our online course is reciprocal with other states; our home study course is not. The online course is a time managed course.

We have finished our Lake Powell brochure.

Inflatable PFDs – you have to wear an inflatable for it to count as a life jacket, on the labels some say you have to wear some say you don't have to wear. Type of trigger mechanism is the only difference approved only when worn is a Type V, Type II does not have to be worn. We will train all of our officers on the labels if they are required to be worn or not.

Boat accidents; 10 fatalities this year, average is 5 or 6, nationally total fatalities are up as well. Accident numbers are comparable to last year approximately 100.

NEW BUSINESS

Definitions – suggested changes

- *Whitewater river definition mile 96 to mile 20 caused some confusion take out that and gray canyon
- *River flat water area – rapid prior to jack creek change to gold hole
- *e-changes on document

MBA grant meeting – December 2 at 3:00 pm or December 16 for a back up if the grants are not in by the 2nd.

January 5, 2011 is the next BAC meeting.

Suggested equipment on PWC – spare paddle, we need to discuss next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.