

**Amston Lake District**  
**Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes**  
**January 19th, 2010 6:30 p.m.**  
**ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231**  
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A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Present: D. O'Brien, R. Decormier, J. Connor, D. Moorcroft, S. Martin, D. Martin

Absent: L. Hennebury, L. Lenti, S. Forgue

B. Call to Order

6:35 pm

C. Consider and act upon prohibiting the use of electric jet skis on Amston Lake

S. Martin – summarize states of Vermont, NH and Maine have banned in 1997 and 1998; speed is much faster than any other watercraft we currently have; would require policing of licenses and insurance since state watercraft laws must be followed; Dr. Knocklein added that damage to the shoreline would be bad, especially since we have not had any wake producing watercraft

D. Moorcroft – concerned that electric jet ski definition is not broad enough; maybe we need to mention that includes similar watercraft

J. Connor – also concerned with safety and watercraft definition to be revisited at Annual Meeting

D. O'Brien – watch YouTube video sent out in email by Mark Rubler; out of fairness to residents, put in temporary ban until the Annual Meeting where we can vote on an ordinance; D. Martin supports that we allow residents to vote; let's look at ordinances used at other lakes

C. Wool – “personal watercraft” is the legal term, he thinks that could be used in place of jet ski; all electric motorized boat owners must register their vehicles

D. Moorcroft: and they must have a certificate for passing the state authorized safety course

D. Martin – made a motion that the Amston Lake District Board prohibits the use of ~~personal watercraft~~, including electric jet skis, and proposes that an ordinance be brought to the district at the Annual Meeting in May for a full vote. Second by J. Connor.

D. Martin – strike “personal watercraft including” from above. Second by J. Connor.

Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

D. Consider and discuss creating an ordinance regarding the maximum size and/or speed limits for electric motor boats to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in May

D. O'Brien: How do we enforce speed limit? D. Moorcroft – should not control speed because it is unenforceable

R. Decormier concerned with green idea and electric motors and propellers getting bigger; thinks we need to put in a restriction on other basis since motors are getting faster and faster

D. Martin – need to limit number of batteries, or amps or horsepower, instead of speed; need to control the power

Board has agreed that we need to do more research and discuss so that we can educate all at the Annual Meeting; we need to get more info about electric motors and how to limit; will add to agenda at our next Regular Board Meeting

E. Adjournment

6:57 adjournment by D. O'Brien

Respectfully submitted by,  
Sherri-Ann Martin, Clerk  
Amston Lake Tax District