

Safety is our #1 Priority

Your Community Manager, the Hidden Valley Lake (HVL) Board of Directors, and the Lakes & Parks Committee need to address an accident at the new floating docks over the Memorial Day holiday. We also want to give you information on how HVL came to order these docks and what steps we are taking to minimize the chances of a similar accident happening in the future.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, a gentleman was injured while utilizing the new floating docks at the marina. Upon hearing about this, Bruce Keller, the Board of Directors, and Dave Patterson, our Lakes & Parks Chairman, went to work to determine what caused the accident and what needed to be done to avoid future accidents.

Why did HVL want to transition to floating docks at the marina?

- We were reaching the end of the marina docks useful life and needed to replace them.
- Speedboat owners were concerned about the damage to their boats from wooden docks.
- Extensive maintenance was required by the POA to repair wooden docks damaged by winter ice.
- Lake communities were transitioning to floating docks and all the information we had indicated that their boaters transitioned easily to them.

What was the decision-making process used by the POA?

- We escrowed funds to pay for the docks and proceeded with the project when sufficient funds were available.
- We engaged the services of an engineer familiar with our marina and dam to write the Request for Quotation/Proposal (RFQ).
- The draft RFQ was sent to the community via a List Serve for comment and suggestions as to potential bidders. The final RFQ was sent to multiple bidders.
- Two bids were received. We sent information about the proposals to the community via a List Serve and asked for comments and/or questions. We received fewer than ten.
- Prior to the formal award of business, we contacted each reference provided by CUBE Docks the company that, in our judgment, offered best value.
- Lakes & Parks Committee members reviewed the proposals and endorsed the choice of CUBE Docks.
- The Board of Directors approved the purchase and Bruce Keller executed the contract.

What has been done and what will we do to avoid accidents in the future?

- Bruce Keller has contacted the manufacturer and the engineer who wrote the RFQ to advise them of the incident.
- Bruce Keller reached out again to other lake communities who have these docks and shared information about the accident. None have had similar issues.
- We have, understandably, received considerable feedback from the community.

- POA personnel are reaching out to every marina dock renter to ask about their, and their guests, experiences with the new docks. These conversations will yield the data needed to make informed decisions about potential remedies.
- Marina dock renters who are not comfortable with the floating docks will be offered a refund.
- We have engaged the services of an expert on marinas and lake wave activity to evaluate the data received from marina dock renters and recommend solutions.

Again, safety is paramount. We will keep you posted as our work progresses. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact Bruce Keller if you have any questions or additional comments.

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