

**BELLA VISTA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES,**

January 20th, 2016

Committee Members/Liaisons in Attendance: Jerry Argetsinger, Kelly Austin, Bill Barry, Ron Blackwelder, Matt Champagne, John Doyle, Craig Suttie, Lloyd Walker, and Rick Yorman

Board Liaisons: John Nuttall

Management Liaisons: Vern Olafson and Rick Echols

Guests: Bill Davis, Marvin Macedo, John Urquhart and Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista).

Call to Order: Chairperson Doyle called the meeting to order at 1:58 pm. All committee members were present. As the terms for the previous year's officers had expired, nominations for new officers were requested. John Doyle was nominated for Chairperson, Rick Yorman for vice-Chair, and Jerry Argetsinger for Secretary. There were no other nominations and the three were quickly voted into their respective offices.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: There were no changes to the published agenda.

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the December 20th's Lakes' JAC meetings were approved as submitted.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments: Mr. Nuttall noted that there was an interesting editorial cartoon in the weeks Bella Vista Weekly.

Open Forum:

1) There were six new committee members, which increased the number of members to nine. Previously there were seven members. We also had a new Lakes and Fisheries Ecology Manager in place. Mr. Rick Echols started his new job at the beginning of January. Chairman Doyle asked each person in the room to introduce themselves to the group.

2) Mr. Nuttall reported that a vote would be taken on 20 January by the BVVPOA board to rezone the "Yacht Club" to commercial. He asked that everyone contact their board representative regarding their views.

3) Mr. Nuttall also responded to several questions from Matt Champagne and other members of the committee regarding POA funding and how lakes, fisheries, and boats fit in. John reported on overall revenue drop and registration fee increases. He stated that the lakes were the most heavily subsidized portion of the POA, but at the same time they were the most "exclusive" of POA activities.

4) Guest Marvin Macedo asked about topographical maps for the POA Lakes. Vern briefly explained past efforts to produce paper maps. Although they were good maps, they resulted in a financial loss. The floor agreed that future maps should be available on a website. The LEFM will attempt to retrieve the digital map data from the company that has done their lakes surveys. Once that is available to us, then we can determine how to put it "on-line."

Management Comments:

1) Mr Olafson did not report that the Lakes and Parks department was attending to routine, seasonal maintenance tasks only. Although he did say, that routine, seasonal maintenance tasks were disrupted with the nine inches of rain on the 27th and 28th of December.

- The extensive work on the creek below Lake Windsor dam done last year as part of the Tanyard Creek restoration project at first appeared to have survived fully intact as designed, but as the water receded damage became obvious. Vern will contact the Watershed Conservation Resource Center engineers, the ecological specialists who did the original work, for assessment and assistance in repairing the damage.
- The most heavily damaged areas included, Stoneykirk boat launch and parking areas, Tanyard Creek, London Park, and the Dog Park off Glasgow Road
- Mr. Olafson said he would like be looking volunteers to assist in removing the largest logs and debris from the lakes. He said he would probably need them for all the lakes and volunteers could be recruited the same way we did in previous years. The Lakes' JAC secretary will develop the roster and respond to requests for assistance when asked.
- Over eighty discarded Christmas trees have been collect at Lake Ann. When the goal of one hundred is reached, the Lakes and Parks staff, with the help of volunteers, (historically from the Fly Tyers) will transport them to Lake Brittany for sinking as fish habitat.
- Vern is working on plans to remove the trees and brush at the foot of Lake Windsor dam and at several other dams. Encroaching tree roots can travel and will eventually cause major damage.

2) Mr. Echols, as the brand new Lake Ecology And Fisheries Management (LEFM) manager, introduced himself and asked John Urquhart, the recent acting manager, to report on current activities.

- 750 10-12" inch rainbow trout were released into Lake Brittany on 3 December and again on 7 January.
- John noted that their lab had gotten some new equipment for performing extensive, in depth water analysis. This new equipment speeds up the process and improves results. They are still performing on the stream monitoring contract for the city.
- Chris Fuller has nearly caught up with major data entry and database updating tasks for the POA's Fish and Water databases.,
- The extended loan period for Solar Bee water recirculation units has ended. LEFM has contracted with Solar Bee to buy the two that are on Lake Windsor at a reduced, "used" price. These two will be transferred to Lake Norwood in February. John and Rick responded to several questions from the floor on how these units are used, what results are achieved, and usage at all Bella Vista lakes?

Old Business: The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 38 hours since their last meeting on 2 December 2015.

New Business:

1) Chairperson Doyle discussed the needs for goals for the committee. It was decided to table this topic until the February meeting as the meeting was running long. All members were encouraged to think this subject and bring their ideas to the next meeting.

2) Lake Inspection assignments were discussed and members volunteered for each position. The new roster is attached.

3) The roster for lake clarity testing was tabled as this won't start until 1 April unless we have a very early and a very warm spring.

4) Bill Davis updated the committee on the Goose Reproduction Intervention Program (GRIP). It is still active and the scale and scope of this year's effort would depend on the goose population. Mike LeMoine is the point man for this volunteer program. The LEFM Manager takes care of obtaining the necessary permits. Mike can be reached at 479-925-0713.

Announcements and next meeting: Chairman John announced that the next Lakes' JAC meeting would be at Riordan Hall at 2 pm on the 17th of February 2016. He adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerrold Argetsinger, Secretary