

BELLA VISTA

BELLA VISTA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES,

February 17th, 2016

Committee Members/Liaisons in Attendance: Jerry Argetsinger, Bill Barry, Ron Blackwelder, John Doyle, Lloyd Walker, and Rick Yorman

Board Liaisons: John Nuttall

Management Liaisons: Vern Olafson, Rick Echols

Guests: Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista), Mikal Lemoine, Ed Fischer (Pres. Fly Tyers), Bill Davis, Bob McGrath, Marvin Macedo, Bob McGrath, Pat Patrick, Paul Bickford, Leon Rickford,

Call to Order: Chairperson Doyle called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Six committee members were present.

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

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the January 20, 2016 Lakes' JAC meetings were approved as submitted.

POA Committee Orientation Review: Tom Judson, COO, Bella Vista Property Owners Assoc. reviewed the POA Committee orientation policy specifically to guidelines that impact the Bella Vista Lakes JAC. During an open forum period after the presentation, Mr. Judson suggested that the Lakes Committee consider being more proactive (within 2 weeks) in sending minutes from each meeting to the POA to upload to the website. Mr. Judson felt that this timeline would allow POA members to review the minutes and plan to attend the following meeting if items of their interest were to be discussed. Jerry Argetsinger agreed to attempt the task in the shorter time period and to obtain Lakes Committee approval via e-mail. The new process will still of course allow changes or amendments to occur to the minutes during the following meeting if the need ever arises.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments: Mr. Nuttall had no comments.

Open Forum: No other comments, questions or concern from the attendees.

Management Comments:

1) Vern Olafson – Lakes and Parks Superintendent - reported that the Lakes and Parks department continued to focus on cleanup from the late December rains while at the same time preparing the parks for the quickly approaching spring fishing season.

- Vern acknowledged all volunteers from both Lakes Committee and Bella Vista Fly Tyers who had been assisting in the cleanup. Special thanks was given to Bill Barry for the Loch Lomond cleanup on Jan. 29th.
- Rick Yorman acknowledged the hard work that was evident that had been completed by Vern and his crew in the Loch Lomond Tyree park area.
- Vern reported that the brush and tree clearing work below the dams, especially Windsor dam had been completed. Encroaching roots will travel and can eventually cause major damage.
- Vern reported that all the Christmas trees (over 100) had been transported from the Lake Ann ramp area to Lake Brittany and successfully sunk. He thanked the Bella Vista Fly Tyers group for their assistance.
- Vern requested to the Lakes Committee members that any assistance that could be given during their lake park/dam inspections would be appreciated. He also asked for immediate contact by those inspectors if there was major damage or issues that deserved immediate attention.

2) Rick Echols - Lake Ecology and Fisheries Management (LEFM) manager, reported that all solar bees had been moved and positioned in Lake Norwood where it was believed they would be the most effective. Some positioning adjustments may need to be made in the future

- Rick also reported that two golf ponds would be utilized this spring as nursery ponds to raise fish for our lakes. Crappie or walleye will be the raised in the ponds and moved to the lakes in June. The process to drain, clean and prepare the ponds had begun and a more detailed understanding of the project will be discussed in the March meeting. More information can be found at <https://bellavistapoa.com/berksdale-pond-draining/>

Old Business: The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 38 hours since their last meeting on January 20th, 2016.

- 1) Lake water sample teams – Rick Yorman has volunteered to take lead to organize and manage the water sample teams. He will organize the volunteers and coordinate with Rick Echols to insure a smooth transition into this year's sampling project.
- 2) Lake inspections – assignments were reviewed and confirmed by committee members. Vern commented that he felt the monthly data sheets served their purpose and no further reporting was needed.
- 3) The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 42 hours since their last meeting on January 20th, 2016.

New Business:

1) Goose Reproduction Intervention Program (GRIP) – Mikal Lemoine graciously attended the meeting to give the Committee an orientation to the program. The GRIP volunteers will work directly with Rick Echols going forward on the project. The Lakes Committee has no ownership in

the GRIP program but is committed to its success. The GRIP program and Mikal Lemoine have been invited to use future Lake meetings as a forum to give project updates.

2) Loch Lomond fishing dock - a discussion was initiated surrounding a possible fishing dock being built at the Loch Lomond marina. In early February an e-mail was sent to the Lakes Committee by the Bella Vista Fly Tyer group offering their support to a Loch Lomond fishing dock consideration in the form of fish attractors and feeders if the project received approval. Further communication was sent to the Lakes Committee in that same time period that the POA Planning Board would be holding a meeting on Thursday Feb. 11th, 2016 and the possibility of a Loch Lomond fishing dock would be one of the topics discussed. Jerry Argetsinger who attended that POA Planning Board meeting on behalf of the Lakes JAC informed the group that the decision was made during the planning meeting to refer the proposal to the Lakes Committee to complete a review of the possibility of a Loch Lomond fishing dock and to present findings and recommendations back to the POA. After a discussion for additional clarity occurred, the Committee agreed that an internal Lake's sub-committee should be organized to develop a feasibility study surrounding the possibility of a deep water Loch Lomond fishing dock and to return results for further discussions at the March 17th 2016 Lakes Committee meeting. The sub-committee was so established. Lloyd Walker, Bill Barry and John Doyle will make up the sub-committee. Lloyd Walker was designated as lead.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Announcements and next meeting: The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be at Riordan Hall at 2 pm on the 16th of March 2016.