

## **BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING MINUTES, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Kelly Austin, Bill Barry, Ron Blackwelder, Matt Champagne, John Doyle (President), Craig Suttie, Lloyd Walker

**Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance:** John Nuttall and Tom Judson, COO

**Management Liaisons in Attendance:** Vern Olafson, John Urquhart

**Guests Present:** Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista), Ed Fischer (Bella Vista Fly Tyers), Paul Otto, Marvin Macedo (Bella Vista Fly Tyers) and Jim Ozetek

**Call to Order:** John Doyle called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Seven 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 February 17, 2016 Lakes' JAC meetings were approved as submitted.

#### **JAC Secretary position discussion and motion for replacement:**

- Lloyd Walker volunteered, Bill Barry moved Lloyd become our new Secretary, Matt Champagne seconded, motion carried.

#### **Management Comments:**

##### **1) Vern Olafson – Lakes and Parks Superintendent -**

- Still a lot of debris from the December flood
  - We are going after logs and hauling them off on Lake Windsor and Loch Lomond.
  - Still waiting on state permits to remove gravel from the lake at Stony Kirk and London Landing.
  - Put new gravel in mud holes by the dock, will use some of the wash gravel too once permits are obtained.
  - Also doing work in tanyard creek on the gravel that washed in.
  - Fixed buoy at stony kirk and looking at all the buoys to keep them looking good.

- The three Lake Rangers we have made 324 contacts
  - Contacts were mostly on Friday's Saturdays and Sundays for boat registrations and other water activities.
  - One of the rangers covers weeknights at various locations.
  - If we see someone using a Bella Vista lake without BV boat registration, we should call the BV police department at 855 3771 and ask for rangers to be dispatched.
  - On April 1st we will start looking for boats that don't have renewed stickers.
- Christmas trees were distributed in February, 100 in Lake Ann
  - Thank you Fly Tyers for the help getting those tied to blocks
- Meeting w/ weed control vendor to spray the dams, especially on the rip-rap. We have been using a type of control that leaves the grass. Loch Lomond dam has been sprayed, and will do more spraying on Brittany and Rayburn dams.
- We still have one canoe and 2 paddle boats unclaimed from the December flood

## 2) John Urquhart - Lake Ecology and Fisheries Management (LEFM) staff member

- Golf course ponds aquaculture project is on schedule. These ponds were drained and repurposed for rearing fish fry to stock in Bella Vista lakes.
  - Grass carp were moved to other ponds and the remaining fish were killed with rotenone following standard practices to ensure we control predation on the fry.
  - We will be pursuing crappie brood stock from Bella Vista lakes to spawn in these ponds
  - We are still working on permits for moving walleye fry from out of state. We need both importation permits and hatchery health verifications through AGFC.
  - We have been pursuing breeding our own fish stock since the state hatcheries have been getting a lot tougher to work with.
- Lake brittany was stocked with 705 trout last thursday, and there will be one more stocking in April.
- Water quality monitoring will start soon
  - Sampling and testing will be done in house
  - Written sampling guidelines will be available next week and we'll have a meeting

end of march or early april to review.

- Spring electrofishing will be in early april as dictated by weather, may be a little later if it gets cold again. The process is to shock for a certain amount of time in each of 6 sections per lake and take random sampling from each. This results in about an hour of shocking time per night.
  - Sauger were captured by electrofishing on Lake Avalon along the dam, one of them was a 7 lb female. Results were good and indicates excellent growth.
  - Lake Norwood was sampled as well but no fish were captured.
- Discussion about filamentous algae on Lake Brittany
  - With the cold water there isn't much we can do to treat it at this point.
  - Treatments can be done, but the water temperature needs to be above 65 degrees fahrenheit.

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

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

**Old Business:** The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 38 hours since their last meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

- 1) Lake water sample teams – volunteers are still needed on Brittany and Norwood. A roster of the volunteers we have was distributed.
- 2) Loch Lomond fishing dock feasibility proposal
  - a) At the last meeting, Bill Barry, John Doyle and Lloyd Walker volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to do the feasibility on a proposal that was previously submitted to the POA Board to modify one of the Lake Loch Lomond marina docks for fishing.
  - b) After looking at the site, the subcommittee did the background research and acquired a bid to utilize the existing dock where the fish cleaning station is. The dock would be placed over 25' of water by extending the walkway and "fingers" would be attached alongside the walkway for additional stability and fishing area. Additional anchoring would also be required. Lloyd Walker presented the proposal generated by the subcommittee.
  - c) Background and discussion
    - i) Is the cost estimate a bid? Yes
    - ii) Would we do the work in-house or outsource? Outsource

- iii) Have we used that vendor before? Yes, he's in high demand on Loch Lomond and also likes to work for the POA. This is one of the guys that worked on the Lake Ann dock.
  - iv) Shoreline enhancements that would enhance the area with benches and additional shoreline fishing.
  - v) Would the dock get used and would there be fish there? If the restaurant comes in the dock will get used. If we put structure under the dock there will be fish.
  - vi) It may be important to consider the aesthetics of other things nearby like the restaurant and marina. This may be partly achieved through maintenance decisions like painting, etc. This dock may also be far enough away from the restaurant that it is neither a help or a hinderance.
  - vii) What would the process for approval look like? The Lakes Committee would first have to approve the proposal, then the Lakes Committee would present the proposal to the POA Board for consideration. In light of the fact that funding for this project is not in this year's POA budget, it may not happen until later even if the POA Board chooses to approve it.
- d) Bill Barry moved we approve the proposal and Lloyd Walker seconded. There was no discussion, the motion passed unanimously by count of hands.

**New Business:**

1. Google Groups for BVV Lakes JAC email. Lloyd talked about how this would work and the committee agreed we should give it a shot. Lloyd will set the committee members up and get this going.

**Announcements and next meeting:**

- Representatives of the Fly Tyers expressed the Club's support and thanked the Lakes Committee for moving the Loch Lomond Fishing Dock proposal forward.
- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at Riordan Hall at 2 pm on Wednesday, April 20th, 2016.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:17p.