

**BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES, April 20, 2016**

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

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

**Management Liaisons in Attendance:** Vern Olafson, Rick Echols

**Guests Present:** Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista), Walter Hinojosa, Bill Davis, Marvin Macedo (BVFT)

**Call to Order:** John Doyle called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. Eight committee members were present.

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

**Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting:** There were no changes to the minutes of the March 16, 2016 Lakes' JAC meeting.

**Management Comments:**

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

- Normal maintenance around lakes and parks, trees and limbs are coming down with the winds we've had lately. Trying to get this ahead of time by preventive trimming
- Dock company coming to Lake Ann to do some repairs with new cables and anchors. Those were installed since 2008/2009, so they have exceeded their life expectancy. All the cables at the marina have already been replaced late last year and this year. Question about the level of usage the Lake Ann dock gets, but no real answer on that.
- Rangers are watching both the lakes and gun ranges. Feedback about ranger activity at the gun ranges was very positive, they provide safety and training overview for new shooters.
- Question about permit to remove debris at London landing. We have the permit now, and are looking for time to get in there.
- Power washed pavilion yesterday.
- Boater safety course coming up on 4/30, 9-5. Registration via website or phone, test at the end. This is free and saves you 10% on POA boat registration

- Still some docks still have problems with debris and sunk boats, attempts to let owners deal with it then we have to intervene and have them removed.
- Blocks at London landing are someone using a vendor to build a sea wall. This allows the vendor to barge the material to the home and saves the member a bunch of money in the process.

## 2) Rick Echols - Lake Ecology and Fisheries Manager (LEFM)

- Received 150,000 walleye this morning and put them into one of the golf course ponds, we paid for 100,000. Got a good deal due to a good spawn. Plenty of plankton. Came from an Iowa producer. The fingerlings will go to Avalon for sure, and possibly Norwood and Ann in that order. These need to get into the lakes sometime in early June, and we would be happy with a 50% transfer. The walleye can actually help balance the bass population if there are enough survivors of the bass-predation. A question about slot limits was asked, we are governed by the State of Arkansas regulations. The walleye length limit on Beaver is 18" and 2 fish, which seems to be typical. They will reach this size quickly.
- The other pond has 13 male and 12 female crappie. The pond is showing lots of small fish.
- Spring sampling is slow to get started due to weather.
- Looking to do algae control at Loch Lomond. Also want to begin fertilizing soon, lake temps are about 64 degrees.

### **POA Board Member Liaison Comments:**

- Dock proposal comes before the POA Board tomorrow night, probably about a 90% chance to get it done this year. Meeting is at 6:30 at the Country Club.
- 100,000 Walleye fry were stocked in one of the aquaculture ponds today.

### **Open Forum:**

- Question back to the POA board about the floating toys item from last year. John Nuttall will find out status.
- None

**Old Business:** The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered xx hours since their last meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

1. Lakes water sampling teams – Rick Yorman update
  - a. Done Monday's between 10a-2p
  - b. Training was done in early April
  - c. Jon created a standardization sheet to help with the sampling process
  - d. Need more volunteers as alternates for Ann, Brittany and Norwood, and fill in some email addresses. Will ask Fly Tyers for volunteers.
  - e. Discussion about light conditions for sampling to maintain quality results.

2. Loch Lomond fishing dock proposal update
  - a. POA board vote tomorrow
  - b. Also working on adding a park in the open area adjacent to the dock
  - c. Board was favorable
  - d. Fly Tyers pledged \$1800 toward habitat, and they have been approached for another \$8200 for the dock itself. They will vote at their meeting tomorrow, sounds favorable and this would bring the BVFT contribution to \$10K
  - e. We could promote this by having a meeting there once it's done
3. JAC e-mail discussion
  - a. Everyone is signed up, I will follow-up with the minutes to confirm.

#### **New Business:**

- Tom indicated we are already thinking ahead to 2017, so starting 6/1 the JAC's are being asked to begin working on our needs for next year. This needs to be submitted in 60 days. List needs to be reasonable and prioritized. This is important to allow us a way to have input to the budget. We just need to provide the "What", then the management will go figure out the "who", "what" and "how" to get to the cost. Need to separate needs from wants.
- The lakes committee will put this on the May agenda and ask for member feedback.
- All the JACs and management areas will happen about the same time.
- This will help balance management's perceived needs with community needs for a more proactive outcome.
- GRIP has been working, a few goslings have slipped through. Still seeing a few new nests, so this nesting season may be a bit longer than usual.
- There is a group that is pushing to remove the lake Bella Vista Dam and restore the free flowing creek. Apparently there is a FEMA grant that may allow Bentonville to do about 90% of the work to repair the dam, but things have to be much the same.
- Restaurant at the Marina has been approved to continue to an evaluation stage. If it goes forward, we may be able to have dinner there about this time next year.
- The beach idea is being tested in several areas as a concept, then will take it beyond concept after the summer if warranted.

#### **Announcements and next meeting:**

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at Riordan Hall at 2 pm on Wednesday, May 18th, 2016.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:57p.