

**BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES, May 18, 2016**

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

**Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance:** John Nuttall

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

**Guests Present:** Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista), Marvin Macedo

**Call to Order:** John Doyle called the meeting to order at 2:04 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 Beaver Lake walleye limit is 4 instead of 2.

**Management Comments:**

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

- Spent a lot of time working on the ranger boats preparing for the season.
- Vandalism on the Lake Norwood boat continues to be a problem regarding the gas tank, so they are now taking the tank with them in the ranger truck. The other lake boats aren't a problem.
- Preparing for weed control on the lakes dams. Starting with Loch Lomond and Rayburn, then the other lakes. Using herbicide instead of weed eating.
- Loch Lomond dock move is waiting on additional bids since we are required to have 3 bids. Once these bids are acquired, work should be able to begin. Fly Tyers stepped up with a \$10,000 donation to help make this happen, Thank you to the Fly Tyers!! This funding comes from their work at the AARP recycling center and other various fund raisers. Also, the park on the bank that was discussed during review of this proposal didn't get pursued.
- Question about who monitors docks came up as there are some docks in pretty bad states of repair. The parks department will be conducting a dock inspection this year. This involves taking a photographic inventory of docks that look questionable and

turning that list over to the POA legal department and notes distributed by the City of Bella Vista.

- Since we removed the plastic dock near the marina at Loch Lomond, we are working on adding 4 public slips on Dock-B so boaters who don't rent slips can have access to the marina store.
- New pontoon boat from Ski & Sports in Rogers is now ready for rental. These boats get replaced every 5 years, and we have 5 of them. They are all 24' Sweetwater pontoons.
- The Lake Ann fishing dock anchors are working well.
- Dog park is open now below the Loch Lomond Dam after resurfacing the yard.
- Gun range open after rebuilding berms and targets. Berms raised 3 feet to 15ft which is the recommended height from the NRA. Still needs to be seeded and sodded to finish it, and things are a bit muddy with all the rain this week.

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

- Fish sampling is complete for this spring. All the lakes were visited this year in about 2 weeks and plan to visit all lakes each year. Lake Windsor looked like the most balanced fishery having all size classes of Bass. Lake Brittany had the largest bass coming in around 8 lbs possibly due to lower number of trout being stocked in recent years. Lake Rayburn seemed to be improving in quality not having quite as many small and stunted fish. The other lakes seem typical. To assess quality, the number and age of fish in each size class are considered along with the sources of food for each size class. Another method is to use a mass index in each size class during the fall. Aging of the fish is not done every year due to cost and effort.
- Then switched to fertilization and algae control, focusing on the most important areas for algae control.
- Nursery pond fish are growing well. Crappie and Walleye samples from the ponds were shown to the committee, and appear to be growing well. Crappie should be released in October. There are still concerns about being able to release the walleye into the lakes due to Interstate law, but the state would give us 50K of theirs.

### **Open Forum:**

- Question about Lake Brittany Dam leaking. The ANRC (Arkansas Natural Resource Commission) inspection indicated it isn't leaking. This raises curiosity about maintenance that may be required in the future.

**Old Business:** The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 45 hours since their last meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

1. No old business.

### **New Business:**

1. Lakes JAC - term limits – redundancy exercise – Ron Blackwelder
  - a. Proposal to re-establish 3 year term attached. Goal is to have the committees be large enough to have a quorum and to balance the turnover so it doesn't all happen in one year.
  - b. Moved and seconded to accept this and figure out who the volunteers are later. Motion passed.
2. 2017 budget requests.
  - a. Question asked about how to increase lake utilization:
  - b. Can we provide seating on the dams?
  - c. Should we lower boat registration fees to increase total revenue from them and at the same time increase utilization?
  - d. Is the requirement to require a photo ID deterring people?
  - e. Can we build a new dock?
  - f. Lot on Mayfair on Lake Windsor for kayak launch, park, etc.

**Announcements and next meeting:**

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at the Bella Vista Country Club Board Room at 2 pm on Wednesday, June 15th, 2016.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:28p.

## LAKES JAC MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTEE TERMS OF SERVICE

### Background

Beginning in 2016, the POA Board expanded Lakes JAC from 6 to 9 members which added 6 new Appointees to the Committee and disrupted the 3-Year Term rotation. Lakes JAC Chair was requested to come up with a plan to reestablish the 3-Year Term rotations for the 9 member Committee. John asked me to work on a proposal.

### Proposal for reestablishing 3-Year Term rotations:

12/31/2016 – Terms end for Doyle, Argetsinger vacancy and 1 volunteer

12/31/2017 – Terms end for Yorman and 2 volunteers

12/31/2018 – Terms end for the 3 remaining members who were appointed in 2016

### Assumptions:

1. The Lakes JAC's normal membership is 9 persons
2. Operate the Lakes JAC with 8 members for the remainder of 2016, Argetsinger position remains vacant until 1/01/2017
3. Maintain Terms of current Officers (Doyle, Walker, Yorman)
4. Solicit 1 current Committee member with Term ending 12/31/2018 to volunteer for his Term to end 12/31/2016 (creates 3 vacancies for 2017 to 2019 Terms)
5. Solicit 2 current Committee member with Terms ending 12/31/2018 to volunteer for their Terms to end 12/31/2017 (creates 3 vacancies for 2018-2020 Terms)
6. Committee members in good standing who volunteer for early Term expiration should be granted assurance that they will have priority for being appointed to serve a subsequent 3-year Term
7. Approval by POA Board of Directors

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Vacant (Jerry Argetsinger)	1/1/2016	12/31/2018
Kelly Austin	1/1/2016	12/31/2018
Bill Barry	1/1/2016	12/31/2018
Ron Blackwelder	1/1/2016	12/31/2018
Matt Champagne	1/1/2016	12/31/2018
John Doyle	1/1/2014	12/31/2016
Craig Suttie	1/1/2016	12/31/2018
Lloyd Walker	1/1/2016	12/31/2018
Rick Yorman	1/1/2015	12/31/2017