

**BELLA VISTA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES, June 17, 2015**

Committee Members/Liaisons in Attendance: Alan Akey, Jerry Argetsinger, John Doyle, Walter Hinojosa, Larry Lamar, and Rick Yorman

Board Liaisons: Dave Barfield

Management Liaisons: Darrell Bowman

Guests: Lynn Atkins (The Weekly Vista).

Call to Order: Chairman Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. He introduced new POA Board representatives Dave Barfield and Bob Brooks. Bob Brooks was not 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 May 20th's Lakes' JAC meeting were approved and accepted.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments: None.

Open Forum: Nothing was presented.

Management Comments:

1) Mr. Olafson was out of town. Darrell Bowman stood in for him.

2) Darrell Bowman told the committee that he and his group had been extremely busy the past month preparing for the 'Fish Fest' which took place on Saturday, June 13th at Lake Avalon.

- According to Mr. Bowman and several committee members, the event was very successful. The most successful part of the Fest was the fishing derby held in the morning. 148 children registered. This appeared to be the optimum number. ((Secretary Note: The June 2015 Village Voice included an article on the anticipated Fish Fest. It is attached as attachment 1--JLA)).
- Mr. Bowman recognized many volunteers who helped with the event. He singled out the Fly Tyers for the large number of volunteers that helped and for the prizes they donated. He also mentioned the Christian Anglers Association.
- Darrell also said that Keven Hopkins and staff of Charlie Craig Centerton State Fish hatchery of the Arkansas Fish and Game Commission were extremely helpful, stocking fish, setting the 'block-off' net, and arranging the mobile aquarium.
- When asked about doing the event annually, Mr. Bowman explained that it was a “major, major time eater” and that he couldn't do it every year if his department remained manned at current levels.
- He hired a contractor who worked to treat the filamentous green algae on Lake Avalon and Loch Lomond with copper-based compounds. The effectiveness of the treatment was affected by uncooperative weather conditions. The copper-sulfate treatment, in the dosages used, does not cause environmental damage or harm fish. If left untreated the algae affects lake usage.
- Hot Springs Village borrowed the POA's electro-fishing boat for survey work on their lakes. Darrell is assisting them as they start to build a fisheries management program.
- Jerry Argetsinger asked about an apparent draw down on Lake Bella Vista. Darrell explained

that Lake Bella Vista is owned and managed by the City of Bentonville, and to his knowledge this was done in anticipation of heavy rains and resultant flooding.

- The Lakes Ecology And Fisheries Management Department has money in its budget to buy another work boat to build as a herbicide application boat. Darrell and John have not had the time to go shopping. They hope to select and purchase a boat in August.
- Smartweed may become a problem on Loch Lomond. Smartweed is a perennial plant that forms dense colonies in shallow water or moist soils and can grow to 3 feet tall. It is very beneficial as fish habitat, as food for ducks, small birds, and fish, and for erosion control. However, it is a nuisance around docks and swimming areas. Darrell and his crew spray it with a restricted herbicide when requested as time and labor allow.

Old Business:

- 1) The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 37 hours since their last meeting on May 20th.
- 2) Committee member John Doyle commended Darrell and the volunteers who made the Fish Fest a success and ensured all activities were conducted safely.

New Business:

1) Committee member Rick Yorman presented a draft letter he had written at the request of the committee in response to the problem of leaves and trash being dumped or blown into the lakes. The group had a lot of discussion about rules, regulations and policy statements and the best way to control problems. Finally, POA Rep Barfield suggested he propose an amendment to be included with the POA "Tree Cutting" policy facing its second reading at the next day's POA Board Meeting. The committee thought that to be a very good solution if accepted. This business is on hold until the next meeting.

2) The Lakes' Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) has been tasked by POA General Manager to assist the Lakes and Parks and Lakes Ecology and Fisheries Management Departments in preparing their next year's budget. The first drafts of these are due to Mr. Bailey by July 15th. Walter and interested members of the committee will work with Darrell and Vern when the first drafts are ready.

Announcements and next meeting: Chairman Walter announced that the next Lakes' JAC meeting would be at Riordan Hall at 2 pm on July 15, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerrold Argetsinger, Secretary

Attach 1: The Village Voice, 'Fish Fest' to Offer Family Fun, June 2015

Attachment One

'Fish Fest' to Offer Family Fun

THE VILLAGE VOICE, Page 8 June 2015

The Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association will host a special family-friendly event in June to help celebrate 50 years of Bella Vista lakes. "Fish Fest," promises to be a lot of fun for the entire family. All ages are welcome to enjoy a day at the lake on Saturday, June 13, at Lake Avalon. The day's activities will kick off with a free Kid's Fishing Derby, for ages 15 and under, which will take place from 8 to 11:30 am. Registration begins at 7:30 am. Prizes will be given from noon to 12:30 pm. Sponsored by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, children will have the option of having the fish they catch cleaned to take home. POA membership is not required for the event. The event will be held on Arkansas' Free Fishing Weekend, so no fishing license is required. Those who wish to fish should bring fishing gear, bait and tackle, and a stringer or basket, if they plan to keep their fish. A parent or legal guardian must sign all participants in. Adults /families may fish from the shoreline after 12:30, once the kids fishing derby and awards are complete. Additionally, several bands will provide music throughout the day. Woody & Sunshine will play from 10:30 to 11:45 am. Big Still River will play from 12:45 to 1:45 pm. and Buffalo City Ramblers will play from 2 to 3:15 pm. A food truck will be available, beginning at 10:30. Drinks will be available for purchase. Other activities planned from 10 am. to 2 pm. include:

- Fish Cleaning/Cooking Demonstration
- Bait Fishing/ Catfishing Demonstration
- Casting instruction and competition
- Fly Casting instruction and competition

Toward the end of the year, plans are being made for a Festival of Trees. The committee hopes to encompass the holiday spirit by bringing people together. By hosting contests in gingerbread house building and Christmas tree decorating, people of all ages will be able to enjoy themselves. For more information, visit www.bellavistapoa.com.