

**BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES, June 21, 2017**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Kelly Austin, Ron Blackwelder, Matt Champagne (Vice President), Marvin Macedo, Harrold Robinson, Lloyd Walker (Secretary), Rick Yorman (President)

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

**Management Liaisons in Attendance:** Rick Echols, John Urquhart

**Guests Present:** Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista), others listed below under open forum

**Call to Order:** Rick Yorman 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.

- Lake water sampling
- Fishing, boating and watersports regulations
- Lake drawdown plan

**Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the May 17, 2017 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

**Management Comments:**

1) Rick Echols - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Superintendent -

- Lake ecology lab conducting monthly water sampling for e-coli, water is safe to swim in etc. Tests are performed in our own lan which is not certified but considered better than the state's procedures.
- Spring electrofishing is complete, received some help from hot springs village
- Golf course brood ponds are a total loss for fish production.
- Lake rangers continue to heavily police swimming areas, primarily lake Avalon and tanyard creek.
- Carmen and Roxi.e. From member services reviewed types of group memberships
- Grounds crew is spraying walking trails for poison ivy along Tanyard creek
- Continue to cleanup after the flood in May

- Gun range building coming along and recruiting for an attendant, there have been lots of usage on open days and special shoots.
- Completed goose roundup, kids fishing derby with 55 participants, kayak demo day with 500 participants.
- Lake draw down plan was approved.
  - Information will be available on the POA website monthly update
  - Affected property owners will be notified.

2) John Urquhart - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Assistant Superintendent -

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**POA Board Member Liaison Comments:**

1) Tom Judson, General Manager

- No additional comments

2) John Nuttall, POA Board

- No additional comments

**Open Forum:**

- Arkansas Naturalists, Gracie Turley
  - Would like to be a resource for lakes things, there are several naturalists who live in the area
  - Wanted to offer their enthusiasm for volunteer efforts
  - Mentioned upcoming Lakes awareness in July.
  - How can we help? Will exchange contact information and connect for future efforts.
- Chuck Lefler, Loch Lomond
  - Lived here 10 years, and the lake has progressively gotten worse
  - Loch Lomond
  - Trees in the lake, swimming isn't happening, fisherman aren't catching fish, water is green and it doesn't look good. Will exchange contact info
- Charlie Willeford, Lake Ann
  - Lake Ann is the smallest lake you can ski on. When the lake was built the largest outboard you could get was 115 hp. Now you don't see a boat with less than 200 hp. Concern is with the no wake zone and how the waves are washing the gravel from behind his sea wall. Request is to move the no wake sign 50 or 100 ft further west. Will exchange contact info so this can be looked at.
  - Another comment was that the lake was long but too narrow so the waves impact
- Paul Williamson, Lake Windsor

- Discussion about lake drawdown. Wants to know what the solution was
- We have approval for Lake Avalon and Loch Lomond for this coming winter, and consideration for Windsor is up next. Decisions will be made in the spring of the year for the upcoming winter, and we can do multiple lakes each year.
- Another suggestion was to make sure home owners know when these decisions are made. Discussion about including an announcement in the March Lakes update
- Name?, Loch Lomond
  - Sea walls need maintenance and wake boats make very large wakes. Costs for sea wall repair is easily in the \$25K range. Request is to consider this problem. This has been discussed by the Lakes JAC before, and we recognized some information from boat manufacturers. We will follow-up. Other comments were to return and reconsider the decision
- Susan Gibson, Loch Lomond
  - Was knocked off her dock from a wake boat wave, this could hurt people. This is a problem that needs to be fixed, please come to our home and see it.
- Jerry Young, Lake Ann
  - Water quality has gone down based on changes in clarity. Don't like to fish, don't eat fish, just can't see as far as we used to be able to.

**Old Business:** The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 31 hours since their last meeting on May 17, 2017.

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**New Business:**

- Paul Bickford will start as a new member next month, and is in attendance today.

**Announcements and next meeting:**

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at the Bella Vista Village Country Club Board Room at 2 pm on Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:30p.