

**BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES, July 19, 2017**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Kelly Austin, 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), *please let me know who else was there as visitors*

**Call to Order:** Rick Yorman called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. Seven committee members were present including Paul Bickford who is a new member. An eighth member will be Grace Turley and she will join in September.

**Additions/deletions to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the published agenda, but we did decide to move the wake boat issue to the top of the agenda.

**Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the June 21, 2017 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

**Election of officers:**

The following Lakes JAC members were nominated, accepted and approved as officers for the upcoming year:

Matt Champaign - President

Kelly Austin - Vice President

Lloyd Walker - Secretary

Discussion about terms took place. JAC members can do consecutive 3 year terms as long as they are willing.

**Management Comments:**

1) Rick Echols - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Superintendent, and John Urquhart - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Assistant Superintendent:

- Water quality testing is being conducted.
- Deployed catfish spawning structures in Windsor.
- 22 Canada geese were rounded up last month.
- 2503 member contacts by rangers.
- Boat registration checks continue and encourage compliance.
- Aquatic weed spraying will continue weekly over the summer, primarily on Loch Lomond.
- We lost a lake ranger, but replaced them the same day.
- Monitoring some small fish kills, which may be a byproduct of the spawn.
- Comments about a large tree across a cove in Windsor that needs to be dealt with.
- We had a successful shad spawn on Windsor and Loch Lomond as evidenced by nighttime observation using lights. Also have reports of fish being caught with small shad in their stomach.
- We have investigated a number of calls regarding leaking septic tanks around lakes and nothing interesting has been discovered.
- Forming a committee to look at homeowner dock condition and inspection for the lakes that are being lowered this year.

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

**POA Board Member Liaison Comments:**

1) Tom Judson, General Manager

- *I may have missed a couple items here after we left the discussion about wake boats.*
- Beach parking lot getting cleared out, this is right by the boat ramp.
- Added some cleats to the new fishing dock on Loch Lomond
- Question about Lakepoint, things are going well with events exceeding the number of events by about 4 times what we had planned for and the team has come together well
- Last week had the first tour of the new country club

2) John Nuttall, POA Board

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**Open Forum:**

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

- Wake Boat complaints – additional complaints since last summer
  - Attorney present? - Doug?
  - We did some work last summer researching advice from industry organizations, and our recommendations were to implement a 100 foot stand-off from the shore line and the boater is responsible for their wave.
  - Arkansas boating laws hold the boater responsible for negligence
    - What is negligent?
    - There are many factors to consider
  - A lengthy discussion about what a wakeboat is and how many we have in the village on the 3 lakes where we can have wakes took place.
  - Points included what ballast is and how it is used, how slow these boats go, and necessary distances required for waves to dissipate.
  - Questions about how to restrict wake boats without restricting bass boats or other boats where we have no issues or complaints.
  - Acknowledgement that our lakes are small so we need to be very thoughtful about what recommendations we make.
  - Suggestion that Doug be allowed to do more research and report back to us next month.

**New Business:**

- Lakes JAC recommendations for 2018- capital projects, staffing, services provided, fees charged, hours of operation, etc.
  - Needed items from Management
    - Brittany dock, and Rayburn docks are in pretty bad shape and need decking, others need to be treated with some perma-coating
    - We will have budget savings because we didn't need nutrients to the extent we planned
    - Need a new marina boat fleet and new ranger boats
    - Suggestions for Brittany improvements including dock repair, an additional dock, rock along the dam for automobile safety.
  - We will send ideas in to Rick and compile a list to prioritize and flag for safety via email so that we can have our recommendations by our next meeting.
- Beach will close at dusk, question about whether or not we should have a light on the area.
  - Does a light encourage people staying on the beach after hours?
  - Does a light allow us to see when people are staying longer than they should?
  - Suggestion that we put a light up with a switch so we can control it.

**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, August 16, 2017.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:58p.