

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES, August 17, 2016

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

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

Management Liaisons in Attendance: Rick Echols, John Urquhart

Guests Present: Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista), Marvin Macedo, Gary Pinkerton, Mike Messerli, Paul Otto

Call to Order: John Doyle called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Six 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 minutes of the July 20, 2016 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Management Comments:

- Rick Echols - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Superintendent
 - Getting ahead of Loch Lomond algae, trying to keep up with requests
 - Used weed harvester machine to mow off weeds in the upper part of Loch Lomond
 - At this point we have made almost an entire Loch Lomond lake treatment, will follow-up on those areas
 - Interviews to replace part time lakes and ecology technician that was vacated due to promotion earlier this year. Plan to complete this by early September.
 - We are working on an estimate for dock improvements at pontoon park on Lake Windsor
 - There have been reports of invasive weeds showing up in lakes in other parts of the state, so we need to get the word out to make sure we are keeping our boats clean when they are taken out and returned.
- John Urquhart - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Assistant Superintendent

- Hired 2 additional lake rangers, in training now. This brings the total to 4, with an alternate available when necessary
- Month of July 1144 guest contacts were made by BVV Rangers
- Wet sides of the dams have been treated with herbicide. There is some signage around to keep pets and children away.
- Loch Lomond dock project underway, working on ramp abutments, scheduled to be completed in September.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments:

- None

Open Forum:

- Guest Mike Messerli was very appreciative of the POA staff and lakes committee and the work they are all doing. Mike suggested it would be nice if we could open one of the A, B or C docks at Loch Lomond so people could walk their dogs and fish on the docks. These docks have a gate to limit access to members who rent slips. A discussion about our current project to extend the courtesy dock and the related history took place.

Old Business: The Lakes Committee volunteered 46 hours since their last meeting on July 20th, 2016.

- POA budget discussion – possibilities – vote to proceed with further investigation :
 - Fish Grinder - Nay
 - Lake Windsor- common ground improvement - Nay
 - Lake Windsor dam / other sites - sitting benches - Yay (Matt & Kelly)
 - Lake Windsor dam – mooring/fishing pier improvements - Yay (Bill & John)
 - Lake Norwood park improvement - Yay (Rick & Lloyd)

*** Note *** Committee members in parens above make up the subcommittee for investigation and recommendation on that respective item.

- Wake boat discussion - Matt did some research and provided an update. Wake boats have a ballast that cause the boats to put out a huge wake. Fastest growing watersport in the country. Lake Sequoya (CA) has banned wake boats. Some states have implemented rules requiring minimum length ropes. Rick reached out to a couple wake boat manufacturers and was directed to the powerboat manufacturers association and wants more time to do research. Discussion about how this committee ought to deal with issues like this and what the components to consider are took place.

New Business:

- University of Arkansas fishing team - they have asked to hold qualifying tournament on a Bella Vista Lake, preferably Loch Lomond this fall. The discussion was positive noting

only questions about what we need to do to formally allow them on the lakes. There would also be some volunteer hours from the UofA for the Parks and Lakes department. Rick moved and Matt seconded to allow the UofA team to fish Loch Lomond, motion carried.

- Kids fishing derby -this was held last year this was held on the free fishing weekend on Avalon. The AGFC stocked several thousand fish, there were lots of volunteers and everyone had a great time. Request was made to the Parks and Fisheries department to help us estimate the cost.
- Discussion about signs regarding not swimming or fishing in Tanyard Creek, and whether or not this should be addressed by this committee regarding having those signs there.

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, September 21st, 2016.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:30p.