

**BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES, August 16, 2017**

**Committee Members in Attendance: Kelly Austin (Vice President), Paul Bickford, Marvin Macedo, Harrold Robinson, Lloyd Walker (Secretary), Rick Yorman**

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

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

**Call to Order: Rick Yorman called the meeting to order at 2:01 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 June 19, 2017 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.**

**Management Comments:**

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

- **Treating vegetation on Loch Lomond with weed harvester, removed around 50 loads of vegetation mostly from Tyree area. Also treated with herbicide. Weeds are mostly southern niad, but there is some willow along the shoreline.**
- **Looked for septic influence on Loch Lomond and all tests came back in allowable limits.**
- **Replaced dock bumpers at London on Windsor and on Ann**
- **Spot treated Norwood dam on the west side.**
- **Repaired a wash out at the rifle and pistol range and weeds at the skeet range, plus pruning low limbs at all parks.**
- **Dog park tree cleanup**
- **Scheduled a Kayak fishing tournament for Sept 30, about 7a to mid afternoon. The Lakes committee was in favor**
- **Lake drawdown informational meetings will be held 8/29 at 10a and 9/14 at 7p, both at Riordan Hall.**
- **Fertilized Loch Lomond based on secchi disc readings, seems to have brought more recent secchi disc readings inline with 2.3' visibility which is closer to what we expect in the 1.5'- 2' range.**

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

- No additions

**POA Board Member Liaison Comments:**

**1) Tom Judson, General Manager**

- No additions

**2) John Nuttall, POA Board**

- No additions

**Open Forum:**

**Guests**

- **Jody Wilson - thanked the committee for attention to wakes and erosion. Wave erosion from underneath the sea wall requires the addition of many bags of concrete annually behind my sea wall on lake Windsor.**
- **Ellyn Krebaum - boats seem to be going faster, and have bigger motors. Should there be some limits on engine size? Talked about what a wake boat is and how they are designed to make large waves. Discussed lake rules and lake thereof, and what this might mean for the community. What's next? Requesting that some kind of limits be set for boating, citing size of the lakes as the limiting factor, before it is too late**
- **Terry McConnel - 23' Mastercraft ski boat, on Loch Lomond. There are many boats pulling tubers, not just wake boats. He paid a lot of money for his house on Loch Lomond because he could do all sorts of watersports on that lake. Every boat out there creates a wake. The ballast capabilities in some wake boats allow you to replace the weight of additional people.**
- **Robert McGrath - incident on Windsor Saturday morning where a wake boat came by about 12 ½ foot from an open aluminum boat putting out a 4' wake. When the boater was called out on it, they complained they don't have enough room on Windsor. Cited rules of the road on intercoastal waterways where large vessels slow down for smaller ones and give no wake. Windsor is too small for this.**

**Old Business: The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 20hours since their last meeting on May 17, 2017.**

- Wake Boat complaints – additional findings from the July meeting
  - Doug McCash, legal. Discussion about whether or not we can ban wake boats outright (yes), or can we grandfather existing boats and disallow future boats (no). Another alternative is to expand no wake zone, ban wake boats on all but one lake. Rules have to be uniform and rational based on what we are trying to minimize. There is very little case law in Arkansas to reference on this.
  - Is there anything we can do with size of the boat? No, different types of boats can put out the same wake. We really need to look at distance from the shore, or something like that
  - Discussion about wake boat association findings. Operate in 15’ of water at least 250’ from shore to minimize affect of wake. Also, wind can do more damage than the wake from these boats.
  - Current rule is 100’ from anything. Discussion about behavior, attitude , modification of rules, intent of the rules, education and communication, etc. Lloyd, Marvin and Rick will take this offline to analyze this and come back to the committee with their findings.
  
- 2018 Capital projects – finalize and prioritize list of expenditures
  - **Discussed handout organization and priority (attached)**
  - **Moved resurfacing to Must Do and tweaked it**
  - **We liked the idea to enclose porta-potti’s**
  - **Smaller lakes may get one boat that can be trailered**

**New Business:**

- **No additional new business to add.**

**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 20, 2017.**

**Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:29p.**