

**BELLA VISTA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES, September 16th, 2015**

Committee Members/Liaisons in Attendance: Jerry Argetsinger, John Doyle, and Walter Hinojosa

Board Liaisons: Dave Barfield

Management Liaisons: Darrell Bowman

Guests: Bill Davis, Dave Routon and Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista).

Call to Order: Chairman Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. This was the second consecutive meeting without a quorum.

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 15th's and the August 19th's Lakes' JAC meetings were approved after an absentee approval (email) was received.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments: Mr. Barfield asked our opinion on the JAC's chairperson reporting JAC activities to the POA board rather than the board's liaison. The members present concurred that this was a very good idea.

Open Forum:

1) Chairperson Hinojosa discussed problems in having a quorum. The first hurdle was the POA self-imposed procedures for removing people from a JAC in order to name a more active replacement. One of the JAC members had only attended two meetings this calendar year, but because he couldn't be contacted, we were unable to ask him to resign. Dave Barfield thought that POA might be able to streamline the replacement process and took this for action. Walter also thought that the Lake's JAC ought to consider moving our meetings to evenings in order to accommodate working members.

2) Dave Routan, a guest living on Loch Lomond, talked about problems with getting a tree removed from Loch Lomond that had fallen from his neighbor's property well into the lake, and which was also blocking Mr. Routan's access to his dock. His comments generated considerable discussion. In the end, Dave Barfield felt that this situation might fall within the purview of the new POA ruling on trash and trees on common property. He took this for action as well.

3) Mr. Routan also talked about the apparent lack of respect for fellow boaters and the boating regulations since Lake Ranger patrols decreased over the past several years. He was well aware that the lack of Lake Rangers is due to budget shortfalls. He suggested that lake-front property owners donate to a fund specifically targeted to payment for a part-time ranger on Loch Lomond. Again, Mr. Barfield is looking into this topic. The Lakes' JAC will also address it at next month's meeting. Jerry Argetsinger will look at costs for hiring someone to patrol the lake.

Management Comments:

1) Mr. Olafson was not present due to an emergency on Loch Lomond.

2) LEFM Manager Bowman reported on current Lake Ecology and Fisheries Management activities.

- Among other work, Darrel and his 1 ½ employees treated American Water Willow (*Justicia americana*, L.) on Loch Lomond. Stands of the water willow that impeded dock use at private property were sprayed, but stands on common property were not. Water willow is quite beneficial but is also problematic around docks. At the same time, they used a GPS to map the stands of water willow in order to map and track it over time. They also knocked back some of the water willow near

the dam on Lake Brittany.

- Chairperson Walter noted that he had found several fresh water jellyfish (*Craspedacusta sowerbii*, L.) in Lake Brittany. Darrell described the fish for the committee noting that although it was capable of stinging, in the same manner as its larger saltwater relatives, due to its size it cannot penetrate human skin. He also noted that its appearance was sporadic and a few this year doesn't necessarily mean many more next year.
- Water quality measurements on the Bella Vista lakes will cease after the final readings on Monday the 28th of September.

Old Business:

- 1) The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 38 hours since their last meeting on August 19th.
- 2) Jerry Argetsinger presented a draft policy on “water toys” that he and Rick Yorman had prepared. It was tabled until the October meeting. Jerry was asked to coordinate it with all known members of the committee before the next meeting.

New Business:

- 1) Chairperson Hinojosa noted that it is standard procedure for the Lakes' JAC to combine their November and December meeting into a single meeting sometime during the first week of December. He will present a date at the October meeting.

Announcements and next meeting: Chairman Walter announced that the next Lakes' JAC meeting would be at Riordan Hall at 2 pm on the 21st of October 2015. He adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerrold Argetsinger, Secretary

Attach 1: The Weekly Vista, *Bowman mapping POA lakes*, By [Lynn Atkins](#), Wednesday, August 26, 2015