

**BELLA VISTA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES,  
October 21st, 2015**

**Committee Members/Liaisons in Attendance:** Jerry Argetsinger, John Doyle, Walter Hinojosa, Larry Lamar, and Rick Yorman.

**Board Liaisons:** John Nuttall

**Management Liaisons:** Darrell Bowman and Vern Olafson

**Guests:** Bill Davis, Chris Fuller, John Urquhart, Bob McGrath, Ron Krowlikowski, and Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista).

**Call to Order:** Chairman Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. A quorum was 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 September 16th's Lakes' JAC meeting were approved.

**POA Board Member Liaison Comments:** Mr. Nuttall announced that the POA Board agreed to allow the new Lakes' JAC chair to report to the board at their monthly meetings.

**Open Forum:** Mr. Darrell Bowman would be leaving the POA and his position of Lakes Ecology and Fisheries manager on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. He accepted a position as Assistant Director of Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission and will be working in downtown Little Rock. Most members, liaisons, and guests praised Darrell's work with the POA over the past seven years – not a dry eye in the house.

**Management Comments:**

- 1) Mr. Olafson recognized Mr. Bowman for his many accomplishments and interest in working together to promote and maintain Bella Vista Lakes.
- 2) LEFM Manager Bowman reported on current Lake Ecology and Fisheries Management activities.
  - Darrell spoke long and hard in recognizing the contributions, both time and money, of the Fly Tyers to the POA and Darrell's projects. He also recognized several other individuals and groups for their support to him and to the POA lakes.
  - Darrell introduced John Urquhart as his right-hand man and the guy who will be taking over his duties until the POA decides on the new LEFM manager. He also introduced Chris Fuller, the part-time LEFM employee that has been helping them. These 2 men were a couple of hardworking, knowledgeable guys.
  - He updated the committee on the status of the Solar Bees. Currently the POA has three Solar Bees at Lake Norwood on loan from the manufacturer. The POA will buy two of these at used prices and the monies are included in the 2016 budget. The two POA Solar Bees on Lake Windsor will be moved to Lake Norwood. Norwood will have four Solar Bees and be the only lake with them. They have shown themselves to be very good at taking care of persistent problems on Lake Norwood. The other lakes don't seem to consistently present conditions that can be remedied by the Solar Bees.

**Old Business:**

- 1) The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 39 hours since their last meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) The committee listened to Rick Yorman talk about the proposed regulation for controlling the dumping of leaves and trash into the lakes. He thought that active publication of the problem and solutions might be an equally good way of having home owners dispose of their waste in more acceptable manners. There are problems with enforcement as well. A motion was made to forward a release to the POA department for publication. The motion was passed and carried.

3) Jerry and Rick presented a draft regulation on Water Toys. After some discussion, a motion was passed to forward the draft, as written, to the POA Rules and Regulations Committee.

**New Business:**

1) Chairperson Hinojosa noted that it is standard procedure for the Lakes' JAC to combine their November and December meetings into a single meeting sometime during the first week of December. It was decided to hold the next meeting at 2:00 pm on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Motion passed and carried.

2) Chairperson Walter reminded the group that both he and Larry Lamar were leaving the committee at the end of the year. He suggested we start recruiting replacements. Piggy-backing on the thought, Jerry asked what role the Lakes' JAC has in the selection process for replacements for these individuals and for Mr. Bowman. The Board Liaison agreed that the Lakes' JAC had a legitimate interest in the selection of replacements, and he would get back with us on how the committee would participate in the process.

**Announcements and next meeting:** Chairman Walter announced that the next Lakes' JAC meeting would be at Riordan Hall at 2 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2015. He adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerrold Argetsinger, Secretary

Attach 1: The Weekly Vista, *Bowman attends last Lakes meeting*, by [Lynn Atkins](#), Wednesday, October 28, 2015

# Bowman attends last Lakes meeting

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Several former members returned to the Lakes Committee on Thursday to mark the last meeting with Lake Biologist Darrell Bowman.

"It's been a great experience," Bowman said about his eight years with the Bella Vista POA. With support from the committee, he's reached several goals for the lakes.

Bowman will begin a new position with the state Natural Heritage Commission this week.

His staff, one full-time and one part-time bio-technician, will oversee the delivery of trout to Lake Brittany in Novem-

ber as well as crappie to Loch Lomond. The fishing club, the Bella Vista Fly Tyers, helped finance the crappie and some habitat structures that will be set into the lakes this winter, Bowman said.

Board member John Nuttall told the committee that the cost to purchase two Solar Bees is included in the 2016 budget, although that budget hasn't yet been approved. The Solar Bees have been on Lake Norwood as part of an experiment. One Solar Bee brought nutrient rich water up from the lake bottom, while two others moved it through out the lake. Funds are also in the budget to move a Solar Bee from Lake Windsor to

Lake Norwood.

Some potential policy changes were discussed by the committee.

Last summer, the committee recommended a policy to outlaw blowing leaves into POA owned lakes, but the board chose not to add it to a policy they voted on about cutting trees.

Committee member Rick Yorman suggested that the language of the policy be published as a letter in POA publications and in the Weekly Vista. Also, it could be included in the Lake Updates emails. Leaves contribute to the silt in the lakes, the letter explains and can clog creeks and drains.

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Vern Olafson said at times his staff must rake leaves out of Lake Windsor at the boat ramp so people can access it. Windsor, he said, has the worst leaf problem.

A second potential policy will be sent to the Rules and Regulations Committee for their approval. To prevent possible safety concerns, the committee wants to regulate water toys including rafts, trampolines, mats/pads and other unpowered flotation devices. Large ones will need to be registered and brought in at night.

If the Rules and Regulations Committee approves the policy, it will then go to the full board for two readings.