

BELLA VISTA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES,

December 2, 2015

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

Board Liaisons: Dave Barfield

Management Liaisons: Vern Olafson and John Urquhart

Guests: Ron Blackwelder, Matt Champagne, Bill Davis, Chris Fuller, Paul Otto, and Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista).

Call to Order: Vice-chair Doyle called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Chairman Hinojosa arrived a few minutes late and took over. 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 October 21st Lakes' JAC meeting were approved.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments: Mr. Barfield commended Lakes' JAC Chairman Walter Hinojosa for his presentation to the POA Board. The new Lakes JAC chairperson would continue this practice of the committee chair presenting a report to the board quarterly. Dave also mentioned that interviews for replacements for Darrell Bowman and four new Lakes JAC members were in progress. He assured the committee that they would be included in the selection process.

Open Forum:

1) Mr. Walter Hinojosa chaired his last committee meeting. Dave Barfield for the POA, Larry Lamar for the Fly Tiers, John Urquhart for LEFM and Vern Olafson for POA management all recognized Walter for his astute leadership of the Lakes' JAC – not a dry eye in the house.

2) Guest Bill Davis corrected rumors about the Goose Reproduction Intervention Program (GRIP). It has not been canceled and would restart again this spring. The scale and scope would depend on the diminished (as a result of past successes) goose population. Mike LeMoine was still the point man for the volunteer program. John Urquhart, the acting LEFM Manager, would take care of obtaining the necessary permits.

Management Comments:

1) Mr. Olafson reported that the Lakes and Parks department was attending to routine, seasonal maintenance tasks.

- This is a pretty slow time of the year for them except for unscheduled needs like securing the anchors for the heated fishing dock on Lake Avalon and the docks at the Loch Lomond marina. In the future, Mr. Olafson would implement regular checks for these anchors and cables.
- Parks and Fishing Stations have all been winterized.
- In November, Lake Rangers made 270 contacts.
- 54 boat slips were leased at this time, and there were 68 available. There were only two vacancies for covered boat slips. These could be filled from the waiting list.
- Vern was inspecting dams for potential problems such as burrow holes and trees on the base of the face. The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission would inspect Loch Lomond and Lake Ann dams on December 15th.
- Fees for the Lakes and Parks would remain the same in 2016. Fees at the Gun Ranges would increase in order to fund a full time ranger presence.
- The 2016 budget has been adopted. Loch Lomond water levels would not be dropped in 2016.

2) Acting LEFM Manager John Urquhart reported on current Lake Ecology and Fisheries Management activities.

- John noted that their department was pretty busy working in the lab. Chris Fuller, the part-time LEFM employee, is making splendid progress on entering data and performing analysis.
- The lakes study contract with the University of Arkansas has ended. The results of the 3-year study should be published this winter.
- 2,500 black crappie were released into Loch Lomond. The hatchery, JM Malone & Sons of Lonoke, MO supplied larger 5"-6" fish instead of the 4"-5" fish that were ordered.
- 750 10-inch (or larger) rainbow trout were released into Lake Brittany on November 20th. Other similar stockings are scheduled for December 3rd and January 7th.
- John is working on plans for electro-fishing. Resources dictate that more intensive sampling means sampling at fewer lakes or vice versa.
- The 2016 budget was approved as submitted.

Old Business:

- 1) The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 40 hours since their last meeting on October 21st.
- 2) After some discussion, a motion was passed to forward the draft regulation on Water Toys to the POA Rules and Regulations Committee. Several changes were suggested. The corrected draft is attached.

New Business: There was no new business.

Announcements and next meeting: Chairman Walter announced that the next Lakes' JAC meeting would be at Riordan Hall at 2 pm on January 20, 2016. He adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerrold Argetsinger, Secretary

Attach 1: The Weekly Vista, *Lake panel proposes rule on large lake toys*, by [Lynn Atkins](#), Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Attach 2: Proposed Water Toy Regulation, 2 Dec 2015

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Sports/Community

Lake panel proposes rule on large lake toys

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With a few small changes, members of the Lakes Committee agreed to send a proposed policy to the Rules and Regulations Committee in order to regulate large lake toys.

The committee held a joint November/December meeting on Monday, Dec. 2. It was the last meeting for two members, including chairman Walter

Hinojosa who is completing his second term. Committee members are limited to two terms.

The policy has been discussed by the committee several times since last summer. There was a concern that lake trampolines and other large toys could become a hazard, especially if they are anchored away from docks. The committee agreed that those items should be anchored within 25

feet of a dock or shore line and should be brought in at night.

Lakes and Parks Superintendent Vern Olafson said that if a registration is required for the toys, his staff would be able to return them if they were found drifting. He said they are usually able to return kayaks and canoes because of the registration.

When the committee meets again on Jan. 20,

they will probably have four new members. Two members have resigned in last few months and Larry Lamar has indicated that he doesn't want to apply for a second term.

The board already has some applications, Board Liaison John Nuttall told the committee. He expects that Board Chairman Bob Brooks will choose the next members and the remainder of the board will approve them.

Attach 2: Proposed Water Toy Regulation, 2 Dec 2015

Rules and Regulations for Water Toys

1. For purposes of this regulation, *water toys* are defined as inflatable rafts and trampolines, mats/pads, and similar unpowered flotation devices used for recreation but not designed specifically for travel such as a kayak, canoe, or paddle boat. These rules are intended to promote water safety.
2. Water toys larger than 115 square feet and/or 36 inch high require annual registration as a non-motorized boat. Registration will enable the Lake Rangers to identify and return the largest and most valuable water toys if they become adrift, the same as for kayaks, canoes, and paddle boats.
3. From sunrise to sunset, water toys must be used within 25 feet of shorelines or a dock. If unoccupied they must be anchored or secured to a permanent structure or a towing vessel.
4. From sunset to sunrise, all unoccupied water toys must either be brought ashore or secured, within six feet, to a permanent lakeside structure (dock).
5. An exception to the sunset to sunrise rule of up to four calendar days may be granted by the Bella Vista Property Owner's Association Lakes and Parks Department. If granted, the water toy must be secured to at least two anchors and have at least one working navigation light at least two feet above the water surface when unattended.