

## Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

January 2017

Approved

Gary Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Country Club

In attendance: Debbie Sorensen, Ron Jones, Judy Griffin, Bill Puskas, Gary Griffin .

POA Employees: Tom Judson, Kyndall Ardoin, Joan Glubczynski, John Urganhart and Rick Echols

POA Liaisons: John Nuttall

Visitors: None

### **Minutes from prior meeting:**

Minutes from December 2016 were approved via Internet and sent to Kyndall Ardoin .

### **Visitors:**

None

### **Amenity Reports:**

- **Shooting Range:** Footing dug for shed and restroom.
- **Community Garden-** Judy Griffin will be holding a meeting for those interested in helping with the garden and will report back next month on more final plans. 30 people responded to her request for interest.
- **Metfield:** Restroom will be renovated to a year round facility and made handicapped accessible.

### **Staff Reports:**

- Tom Judson reported:
  1. The Highlands is getting cleaned up now. No food service available. If there is a future use for the facility, it would possibly include a snack bar thus allowing no outside food. There is a possibility that card/game players might use the facility with limited food service if any.
  2. The POA Board voted to charge the unimproved lot owners \$38.00 for their picture ID cards. This is a \$104.00 reduction. All property owners now pay \$38 for their ID and the goal is to encourage 'cross pollination' in usage of facilities.
  3. There is a new 'sale' called Play More Pay Less being offered until March 31, 2017. One annual membership to a facility is being offer for an annual fee and the 2nd annual membership for a second amenity will be 50%. We hope to get more people in Bella Vista to buy multiple annual members to different amenities.
- Joan Glubezynski reported :
  1. Riordan is maxed out for more usage. Metfield is also maxed out with the new workout facility etc.
  2. Blowing Springs now has its own logo. This includes camping, RV Park, trails etc. There were
  3. campers this week. The RV park has averaged 15 campers per week.
  4. The new universal punch card for recreation facilities has gone well.
  5. First Sunday opening for Riordan in 2017 went well and we had 30 check- ins at Riordan and 18 at Metfield.

6. RV Park winter hours have been extended later in the day to draw later travelers.
  7. Riordan had a successful Music Concert and had approximately 200 attend. Free sun glasses were handed out and pictures with Santa.
  8. Skills Park at Metfield is 1/2 open and will be completed in Feb. weather permitted.
- Rick Echols reported:
    1. The usage on the gun range in Dec. was down due to cold weather. There was damage on 12/25 due to the storm and this is being addressed.
    2. Interest in kayak fishing tournaments. Hero's on the Water would allow soldiers to fish and entrance fees would be waived for soldiers.
    3. U OF A Fishing Team had a successful tournament in 2016 and looking to do it again in 2017. This was not a money maker, but good PR for Bella Vista.
    4. Christmas trees are currently being collected for the fish habitat in the lakes.
    5. The Croppies and walleyes raised in the ponds in Bella Vista have been moved to Lakes Avalon, Brittany and Rayburn. The fishing page on the Bella Vista website added a 'photo' page and this has been very successful.

**On Going:**

- **Welcome Coffees:** Date set for first coffee March 4th. New name will be Welcome Coffee Meet and Greet. Debbie will publish event in Feb. E-blast and report back to group on interest level at the Feb. meeting. New email address: [bwelcomesu@gmail.com](mailto:bwelcomesu@gmail.com)

**New Business:**

- Debbie Sorensen reported the new Country Club remodeling will not include any card playing according to Tommy Lee. She handed out a chart showing the lack of space for any card/game players in Bella Vista now that the Highlands has closed. We had 6 facilities in Bella Vista in 2007 that offered card/game players room along with the availability of a meal. We now have Papa Mike's for cards and a meal and Riordan for cards only.

Debbie Sorensen has volunteered to represent the committee at the POA Board meeting on January 19th.

- **NEXT MEETING - February 13, 2017 at 4:00. Country Club**

Submitted by Debbie Sorensen  
January 13, 2017