

Bella Vista Property Owners Association  
**Recreation Joint Advisory Committee**

**February 2017**

**Final**

Tony Byars 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, Mary Henning, Val Courter, Jane Barfield .

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

POA Liaisons: John Nuttall, Josh Hart

Visitors: Jeff Remfrey (381-5951)

**Minutes from prior meeting:**

Minutes from January 2017 were approved via Internet and sent to Kyndall Ardoin .

New member on Committee- Jan Dobbartin has been approved.

**Amenity Reports:**

- Branchwood- Parking lot will be stripped in 2017. New furniture is being added to 'spruce' up the meeting area. The goal is to have the planned expansion on the 2018 budget.
- Gun Range- Footings are poured for restroom and out building.
- Lake Anne- Early fishermen have appeared due to warmer weather.
- Riordan Hall- Inside is going to get painted. Groups who use facility have been notified. Lots of us of the playground and tennis courts. Tennis Camp during Spring Break will be held again this year. The tennis facility has applied for a full liquor license.
- Blowing Springs- More tent camping has occurred.
- Tanyard Creek- looks good and continues to be used a lot.
- London Park - All looks good.
- Debbie Sorensen suggested we add the Highlands Card area as an amenity once it is set up and being used. Simple Pleasures (Ken Miner) has opened his location for card playing and to contact him for information.
- Metfield is in good shape and they have now started a new group Friends of Dogwood to help with the upkeep of the course. Similar to Friends of the Highlands, etc. They added a rowing machine for new equipment.

**Community Gardens:**

Judy Griffin reported the first meeting of the interested individuals was held on 2/10/17. 40 people have responded to inquiry and 23 showed up at the meeting. Good mixture of people for ages, experience with gardening, and interest levels. Next meeting will be Sat. Feb. 18/2017.

Some money is still available with the original grant. The group will need more space if they want to expand. Group may generate funds through grants and or ask the POA for additional funds.

Judy mentioned there are materials around the community garden area that need to be picked up. Tom Judson will look into the POA following up on this project.

**Welcome Coffee - Meet and Greet:**

First event will be held on March 4th at Riordan Hall beginning at 9:00. Debbie Sorensen reported 13 individuals have responded and would like to attend. Tom Judson and Kyndall Ardoin will be attending along with the volunteers.

### Staff Reports:

**Tom Judson** reviewed the JAC Rules and asked up to sign the enclosed waivers and return to Kyndall Ardoin.

**Joan Glubczynski** mentioned the Back 40 trail has an area that is closed for repairs due to erosion. Taylor Homestead area. Next set of trails being looked at and will run from Highway 71 to the Highland Gates. This again is being furnished by the Walmart Foundation.

Play More Pay Less has done well and Member Services is selling multiple annual passes to individual residents. 54 passes have been sold in the 1/2 price range.

The \$100 to add your kids (grandkids) to your annual golf pass has just been introduced. Individuals with annual passes can pay an additional \$100 to bring along up to 3 kids per game. Must be accompanied by season pass holder, play after 12:00 noon and be between ages 6-18.

Get Golf Ready camp will be held again this year. \$99 for 5 lessons.

Bella Vista is hosting a golf tournament in May. Adams Tour will be organizing this. This will be held at the Highlands course.

Tennis is going well and Governor Hutchinson played here last week.

Personal Training is going slower than expected. Robert Williams (trainer) will go to any facility individuals want to use.

Sat. Night Valentines Dance was very success and sold out. Lots of variety in ages in attendance.

Blowing Springs has 14 permanent campers this winter.

**John Urguhart** said the Loch Lomond draw down continues and they may do another one later in the year. This first one had short notice due to notice from authorities and the next one will give property owners more notice so they can work on their own properties. The first draw down is so the Lake Point boat dock can be worked on.

**Rick Echols** said gun range usage is down about 20% due to bad weather. There have been about 600 Christmas trees added to Lake Avalon for fish habitat . This is done on a rotating basis from lake to lake each year. There will be about 1000 trout added to Lake Brittney.

### New Business:

Judy Griffin introduced the idea of **Frisbee Golf**. This is an amenity that we had at one time at Branchwood. Also at Lake Bella Vista. There are about 15 courses in NWA and NWA has a organization to promote this amenity. Judy Griffin has a contact that is willing to come and talk with the Committee. Judy Griffin will give Joan Glubczynski the estimated costs etc.

Jeff Remfrey (visitor 381-5951) is an avid archer and wants to help the POA promote an **archer range** in Bella Vista. He has resources to donate and to set up a range in Bella Vista. We discussed this issue an all agreed it would make sense to have it close to the gun range. This could be a potential money maker for Bella Vista due to potential Archery events.

Gary Griffin has volunteered to represent the committee at the POA Board meeting in February.

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