

Bella Vista Property Owners Association
Recreation Joint Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date October 16, 2015

Welcome/ Call to order

Bill Puskas called the meeting to order at 3:00 at Riordan Hall. In attendance:

Jane Barfield, Ron Jones, Dan Slimp, Tony Byars, Bill Puskas, Deb Sorensen.

Adm. Liaison: Clem Morgan and Vern Olafson.

POA Board Liaison: Dave Barfield, John Nuttall and Josh Hart

Minutes Review and Approval

The September 2015 minutes were approved.

Amenities Reports:

1. Ron Jones discussed the gun range. It has been very busy during the hunting season and especially this past weekend. Safety rules are at Branchwood and posted at the range. Rules vary from Pistol range and Rifle range.
2. Tony Byars talked about Blowing Springs. They are pleased with the new speed bump, and trees have been removed. Tailgate party was a success and about 300 were in attendance.
3. Deb Sorensen mentioned the need to paint the parking stripes at Branchwood, and it was pointed out that we need more handicap parking spots at both Branchwood and Riordan. This will not be a problem and will be done soon.
4. Jane Barfield was concerned about the chairs by the Metfield pool and if they can be stolen. Clem Morgan said they are all in need of repair and will be moved to Riordan for this job.
5. Clem Morgan said there will be a meeting this week about the tennis courts and pickle ball courts at Metfield and hopefully finalized and fixed within 6 months. There are several options to consider. The committee as a whole is frustrated by how long these courts have been discussed and nothing has been done. POA board has allocated \$30k for this work in 2016, and the work will now be up to Clem Morgan to complete. Clem Morgan will be meeting with Bob Brooks and make recommendations, but we still need some more bids for any work we finalize.
6. Successful events were reported by Clem Morgan: Cookout at Branchwood, Tennis cookout over Labor Day, and the Pool cookout went well too.
7. Pool attendance was 26,500 for Kingsdale and 14,000 for Metfield. This is a little down from last year due to more rain this year.

Old Business:

1. Branchwood trails and Pond fill are being worked on. Pond is almost full except the top soil. There will be a review of 3 bids for the trails presented by Alta at the POA meeting on Thursday 10/15/15.

Phase I - Trail will be 7,000 ' of 8' wide concrete. Meadows will eventually be planted etc. Park open the first quarter of 2016. Phase II - Hopefully it will be included in the 2016 budget.

2. Metfield Grill items have been delivered and should be done by 12/31/15. Membership Services will be moved by then as well. Card playing will be available in the Dogwood room but will not have priority over parties, etc.

3. The Highlands restaurant is coming soon. "Any day now" according to John Nuttall. Liquor License applied for.

4. Vern Olafson discussed the rifle range and the importance of meeting safety issues. He does not see our ability in making the range any longer due to the new highway coming in. Vern O would like to see our committee get involved in decisions concerning any updates at the range along with safety issues. He will propose we get Branchwood out of the picture for signing up within two years. Ron Jones was asked to work with Vern Olafson on this project, and he said fine. Ron Jones would like to see an archery range added. Skeet and trap would like to add a 4th range. Tony Byars has also offered to help with the committee. Lake Rangers have less time available to patrol the Rifle/ Pistol ranges due to our cutbacks.

5. Tanyard Creek looks good.

6. Dog Park will be closed from the 19th to the 23rd of October due to ADA compliance changes. They will add accessibility pads. All work is weather related so if we have rain, all will be delayed.

7. Three new 4,000 lb anchors have been added to the docks at Loch Lomond.

8. RV Park had some trees removed - all have been cut up and removed. Vern Olafson is still working on the Cox issue and is also talking with Dish Network.

9. Clem Morgan said the Silver Sneakers (SS) situation for 2016 is still being worked on. Anyone with Blue Cross (BC) Advantage Plans will have SS available but anyone with Medicare Supplement plans will not. The Metfield SS classes are very successful and full for now. BCBS is offering the Silver and Fit classes to us, but Clem Morgan said that it is very complicated and that it looks as though we may not offer them. All should be decided in the next two weeks. Debbie Sorensen is concerned there will be many people upset about the BC changes to SS and although we don't have any control, our members will be upset on January 1 when they come into our workout facilities and are told they no longer have 'free' membership through BC nor do they get the SS classes for free.

New Business:

2016 Recreation Committee members: Bill Puskas said the new officers and members for 2016 will have to be decided by the December meeting so we can start in January. Debbie Sorensen offered to be Secretary again, and Jane Barfield offered to be President. Bill Puskas is undecided if he wants to be a member of the committee for next year. Chuck Janzen and Dan Slimp will be going off the board for sure.

Next meeting will be November 9th at Riordan Hall.

Submitted by Debbie Sorensen

Revised Nov 5, 2015