

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES for January 17, 2018

Committee Members in Attendance: Kelly Austin (Vice President), Matt Champagne (President) Rick Yorman, Marvin Macedo, Paul Bickford, Gracie Turley and Harrold Robinson

Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance: John Nuttall, Dave Brandenburg and Tom Judson

Management Liaisons in Attendance: Rick Echols and John Urquhart

Guests Present: Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista), Guests: unknown

Call to Order: Matt Champagne called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Seven committee members were 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 December, 2017 Lakes' JAC meetings were approved as submitted.

Agenda Item:

Management Comments:

Rick Echols - Lake Ecology and Fisheries Manager (LEFM)

John Urquhart - Lake Ecology and Fisheries Management (LEFM) staff member

Rick

- The draw down on the two lakes is going as planned and they had to open drain on Lomond recently. Annual rye was seeded on the mud flats
- Drained 2 of the golf course brood ponds recently and cold weather will set the right conditions and two more ponds will be drawn down in near future.
- Weather permitting, the Lakes group will start an Large mouth bass diet study to determine what they eat, what diet changes they go through and how they fit in with other species
- In the late fall we saw a plankton bloom on Loch Lomond that was teal to white in color. Many people reported the condition. It was due to turnover of the lake and may have been helped by the draw down. Hopefully, it will not reoccur.

- Two staff member, John and Lea, worked with some Arkansas Fishery biologists and saw them use a new way to sample for crappie using a new net. The POA plans to buy one of the nets so we can improve our crappie sampling
- With the extreme cold weather many park bathrooms have been closed because the pipes can freeze. They will assess tomorrow to see if they can be opened.
- Lake Brittany had trout stocked this past Monday, in the snow.
- The lakes staff will be attending the American Fisheries society meeting in Pine Bluff next week. They will be attending various classes to improve their knowledge.
- Christmas trees can still be dropped at London Landing on Lake Windsor

POA Board Member Liaison Comments:

John:

- The Lakes are frozen but not thick enough to walk on

Open Forum:

- No new items

Old Business:

- The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 11 hours since their last meeting

New Business:

Rick Echols reviewed the fishing regulations that have been updated and rewritten to capture the current usage with kayak tournaments and updated to improve the fish keeping conditions when tournament fishing. The Board reviewed the new regulations and voted to support the changes.

Announcements and next meeting:

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held in the Country Club Board room at 2 pm on February 21st, 2018

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:45