

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES for February 21, 2018

Committee Members in Attendance: Kelly Austin (Vice President), Matt Champagne (President) 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, John Urquhart, and Chris Fuller

Guests Present: Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista), Guests: Terry Hover (POA Board Candidate), Judy Griffin (new POA Ad/Marketing employee)

Call to Order: **Matt Champagne** called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Five 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 January 2018 Lakes' JAC meetings were approved as submitted.

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 complete with both dams now closed. With recent rains, lakes have come up 1 -2 feet during the last several days.
- Monthly large mouth bass stomach contents sampling has begun on Lake Windsor. Study will help determine better ways to manage lakes as well as help to understand bass versus other species in the lake
- Lake patrols will increase in March with another increase in May. 2 Lake Rangers have been re-hired for the upcoming Spring/Summer season.
- 500 Christmas trees have been placed in Lake Windsor along with 2 habitat wreaths.
- 308 Lake Ranger contacts were made last month. Updated maintenance done at both Granton, and Stony Kirk launches on Loc Lomand. All 3 ramps are now usable with caution. Work has begun on Loc Lomand marina. Should be complete by the end of March.

- Lake Avalon fishing pier now open after recent vandalism incident. If this continues, we may need to lock up at night and take additional steps to alleviate. Lake Avalon Beach sand now in place.
- Tanyard Creek bathroom remodels complete.
- A Junior Technician position is now open in the water quality lab. Job is part time at 30 hrs per week. A candidate search has begun.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments:

Tom

- Lake Avalon beach will open on May 26th. Adding a children's zipline in addition to the beach.
- Results of the Bella Vista Valley water study will be released on March 11th. A public meeting to discuss will take place on March 13th at 10:00 am and another meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on March 15th.
- A variety of options was considered to help with flooding including using the lakes for flood control. This is not possible due to the design of the lakes.

John:

- The Lakes are filling up due to recent rains

Open Forum:

- No new items

Old Business:

- The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 7 hours since their last meeting

New Business:

Chris Fuller

- Water sampling training will take place on Wed Mar 7, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Lake Avalon Fishing pier. An additional training will take place on Thurs March 22 at 4:00 pm. All lake sampling volunteers should try to attend one session. Sampling will begin the first week of April.
- Chris has also agreed to present recent technical talks to the Lakes committee after regularly scheduled meetings. He regularly presents this information to the Fly Tiers club and thought Lakes Committee members would benefit from these talks also.

Announcements and next meeting:

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held in the Country Club Board room at 2 pm on March 21, 2018
- Lakes committee members volunteered a total of 7 hours during the last month.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:35