

**BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES for May 16th, 2018**

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

**Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance:** Dave Brandenburg

**Management Liaisons in Attendance:** John Urquhart and Tom Judson

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

**Call to Order:** Matt Champagne called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. six 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 April Lakes' JAC meetings were approved as submitted.

**Agenda Item:**

**Management Comments:**

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

John provided the following report:

- The new covered dock area a Lomond Marina is complete and all the slips have been rented but one
- They are conducting a test on Avalon dock with a new sealant that has been applied to the wood decking. The purpose is to improve the life and quality of the wood decking and the product has been shown to extend the life
- New mooring posts and new Kayak rack have been installed at Avalon lake
- John reported they are fully staffed and the new Lake Rangers are undergoing training. The increase in Lake Rangers will facilitate the increase patrols on Windsor and Lomond.
- Electro fishing has been ongoing and they are noticing a large quantity of bass. Rayburn seems to be coming out of the stunted fish size.
- During the discussion about the large bass population there was discussion about the need to harvest bass. In general, it would be of benefit to harvest bass less than 13”

- The ecology team has been conducting spraying of Lomond for early season algae
- The kids fishing derby will be conducted on May 26<sup>th</sup> at lake Ann
- Kayak day will be at Lake Ann on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Draw down on Lake Windsor
  - Planned for winter 2018/19
  - Will draw down 6'
  - Plan to have rangers inspect docks for problems
  - Ramps will be unusable during draw down
  - Lakes JAC board voted to support the draw down
  - Drawdown will occur early November to mid February
- Brood ponds – during the Sugar creek flooding in April there was some water intrusion into the ponds but not inundation. POA will be checking to see if crappie, walleye and suageye remain viable

Tom Judson – Chief Operating Officer Bella Vista POA

- The Avalon beach grand opening on May 26<sup>th</sup> and the POA team has done a great job getting the beach ready for property owners
- Gave a brief update on the Lake point and the BV Bar and Grill.

POA Board and Member Liaison Comments:

Dave Brandenburg POA Board member - no comments or updates

Jerry Hover, the POA's newest board member, thanked everyone for voting.

### Open Forum:

- Greg Andachter and one other property owner
  - Lives on Windsor, Dunsford drive, very concerned about the creek wash out near London ramp- the ditch needs work to stop the creek gravel from washing into lake. Second home owner at 53 Dunsford concerned about the creek depositing gravel near his dock-water depth has gone from 4 feet to 6 inches. Also, fish guts are being dumped near his dock and are washing up to his dock. **John Urquhart responded to the concerns** – the POA will look at the problem and may have an opportunity to improve the creek situation during drawdown. Also, will make sure fish are being disposed of properly
- Ellen Crakbaum and other property owners at the meeting
  - Concerned about Wake Board boats and requested that limits be put on the size and type of boats. Others concerned about the damage to shoreline. Also suggested we consider more buoys to define the distance from shore. **Board responded** – this concern had much attention and a study last year. Based on the study and review, the POA has revised the rule for boats operating as wake boards to increase standoff to 150 feet from other boats and the shoreline. In additions, the POA has increased the number of Lake Rangers to increase surveillance and enforcement of all rules. Steps have been taken and the Board would like

to opportunity to gather further enforcement results before taking any additional action. Steps have been taken and the board believes the proper balance has been struck with the needs of shoreline homeowners and boat owners.

- Property owner
  - Expressed concern that boat registration fees are too high compared to other fees associated with boat owners. Tom Judson pointed out that with no increase in property owner assessment that fees have increased to cover the inevitable increase in operating budgets.

**Old Business:**

- The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 20 hours since their last meeting

**New Business:**

- Water Sampling – Chris reported (via email) that all lakes have data for the weekly secchi disc reading so the volunteer group is doing the job
- Park inspections – Paul Bickford had agreed to manage the volunteer list and will update it to reflect who is doing what park inspections.

**Announcements and next meeting:**

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held in the Country Club Board room at 2 pm on June 20th, 2018

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:06