

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES September 19, 2018

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

Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance: Tom Judson, David Brandenburg, Leia Bush, Jerry Hover, Ruth Hatcher, POA attorney.

Management Liaisons in Attendance: Rick Echols

Guests Present: Several POA members

Call to Order: Matt Champagne called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Seven committee members were present.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda:

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the August 15, 2018 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Management Comments:

1) Rick Echols - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Superintendent -

- Completed the monthly water quality analysis and lake sampling.
- Largemouth bass diet study completed
- There is, a very difficult to control, vegetation (leafy pond weed) problem on Loch Lomond that's resistant to presently used chemicals; however, herbicide use will continue this Fall and results will be analyzed in the Spring.
- None of the other lakes are affected with leafy pond weed.
- Presently stock 700 to 1000 grass carp (which don't reproduce) to Loch Lomond to help with weed control. It's recommended to increase the number to 2000.
- *After a discussion between the use of different weed killers and more grass carp, The JAC recommends increasing the 2019 budget to \$6000 for this line item to purchase the additional fish to help with weed control.*
- It should be noted: total eradication of the weed could have a negative effect on the game fish population.
- Finished stocking of hybrid striped bass into Lakes: Ann, Winsor and Lomond.
- Rangers made 3235 member and guest contacts.
- Rangers spent 126.5 hours on lake waters.
- Monitored boat registrations and dilapidated docks on all lakes.
- Requested input from the Board/JAC on methods to use to deal with owners of unregistered boats and dilapidated docks.
- Rick will provide the numbers of both on lake Winsor who recently had letters written to owners.

- Removed downed tree at London landing.
- Replaced bumper boards on several boat slips.
- Installing bumpers at Lakepoint courtesy boat slips.
- Winsor drawdown Nov 2nd on schedule.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments:

1) Tom Judson, General Manager

- Board requests input from JAC on how effective/ineffective the expansion to the 150-foot wake zone and the increase in lake patrols have been. Lake Ranger input is requested to help guide the JAC on this Board request.
- Lake Rule changes need to be voted on by the November JAC meeting, so they can be delivered to the Board for consideration and become effective by January 1.

2) Dave Brandenburg, POA

3) Jerry Hover, POA.

- Requested reporting on the number of derelict docks and unregistered or expired boat registrations so the Board could consider how to manage issue. Rick will provide the numbers of both items for lake Winsor.

4) Ruth Hatcher, POA

Old Business: The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 28 hours since their last meeting August 2018.

New Business:

- Managing small groups of rowdy teenagers on POA lake/park properties has become an issue and, based upon Ranger, police, and community input, Gracie Turley presented recommendations for updating wording of rules relating to member dependent “guests”. *After discussion, a motion was made to limit a POA member dependent to four guests. It was seconded and approved.* Gracie’s good work was turned over to the POA attorney for appropriate legal “rule wording” to appear on guest cards.

Open Forum:

- Steve Hilton stressed the need to improve the Stony Kirk boat ramp by providing more space for parking and replace gravel with asphalt. Rick explained, based on expert info, that the ramp was the primary one used by heavy repair and construction equipment and prone to flooding that would damage or remove asphalt pavement. Improvements in “signage” might help with boat trailer parking.
- Ellen Creakbaum presented a video on the possible water recreational activities that could appear in the future on BV’s larger three lakes. She provided detailed written

suggestions to help guide the development of additional rules/restrictions to control boats/engines sizes that would help keep BV recreational boating safe and enjoyable.

- Marvin Macedo reviewed, with meeting attendees, the JAC's recent consideration of boating safety issues on the larger lakes and voted to consider them appropriate when adequately enforced.

Announcements and next meeting:

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at the Bella Vista Village Country Club Board Room at 2 pm on Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:17pm.