

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

October 8, 2018

FINAL (Revised)

Gary Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:00 at the Country Club.

In attendance: Gary Griffin, Debbie Sorensen, Ken Fink, Chris Stockman, Steve Bourke, Val Courter, Bill Puskas, Jan Dobbertin

POA employees: Joan Glubczynski, Leia Bush, Rick Echols, John Urguhart, Jessica Anson, Judy Griffin

POA Liaisons: Patrick Laury, Mary Sinkus

Guests: Ruth Hatcher, Chairperson of the POA Board, Steve McKee

Minutes from prior meeting:

Minutes from September 2018 were approved via internet and sent to Leia Bush.

Amenity Reports

- Branchwood-Deb Sorensen reports that electrical cover plates on the light poles at the tennis courts at Branchwood are missing. This was reported prior to the meeting and work is underway to replace them. Last weekend she observed 12-15 disc golfers playing the course. And, the parking lot is full much of the time, which is a good thing.
- Gun Ranges-Ken Fink said things are fine at the gun range. The BBQ held recently was a success with 45 shooters attending along with friends and family. Several speakers at the trap machines are not working and new ones have been requested. John Urguhart said those have been ordered. Progress is being made on additional trap fields. The next step is the concrete for the shooting lanes.
- Chris Stockman reports all is good at the lake parks but the washout at Lake Ann needs to be addressed. The parking lot at the RV storage is undergoing renovation. The soft areas currently are being repacked and repaved and should be completed by December 1. Residents using the storage facility will be able to move back in at that time. The date may be sooner, depending on the weather.
- Loch Lomond-Jan Dobbertin reports the park looks great. The restrooms need some real cleaning. Trash cans are almost full and the floors are pretty dirty. She suggested

perhaps power washing to do a good fall cleaning. Rick indicated he will take care of it as soon as possible.

- Tiree Park- The Park looks great with no serious issues according to Gary Griffin but the soap dispenser is broken and should be replaced.
- RV Park and Blowing Springs Park-Val Courter said that all looks good there. The new bathrooms are amazing and staying very clean. The bike race last weekend was well attended.
- Tanyard Creek and Lake Avalon Park-Bill Puskas reports that Tanyard overall looks great with a lot of activity. He asked about the restroom at Lake Avalon Park being locked at times, which Joan explained to avoid additional vandalism they keep them locked unless there is an activity in the park. Rick explained there is a register of scheduled activities and it is checked and the decision made about the restrooms being available based on that information. There is a porta pot for use during times the doors are locked as well.
- Metfield Complex-Steve Bourke said that the amenity is in good condition. He spoke with a family playing miniature golf and they were very positive about the course.

New Business

Deb Sorensen said someone at the last Meet and Greet asked about organized volleyball. Joan explained there is a group playing at the beach on Lake Avalon on Monday nights. The court is open anytime and that players take their own ball. Joan will contact Mel Dawson who is the person to contact for the Monday night group.

Pat Laury asked about winterizing the beach. Joan said that the beach has been winterized with buoys taken out and cleaned, the swim pad taken out and portable umbrellas taken down. They will be storing the kayaks as well.

Chris Stockman asked what we as a committee can do to help the board. Mary Sinkus said that Living in Bella Vista on Facebook has posts that aren't factual. Our members can respond with facts. Also positive letters to the editor are a good way to help. Chris feels the committee is an extension of the POA Board and should do everything possible to help the board. Gary mentioned the Super Committee which is made up of two members from each advisory committee.

Pat Laury told the committee the decision to not ask for an increase has been made and caution is needed in proceeding. He feels some of the outspoken people have valid points.

Gary Griffin reminded all that the committee is here to support the Board and the POA. It is good to be out in the community talking to members and keeping it positive.

Mary Sinkus said each member of the committee has an amenity to report on and that talking about issues with members and reporting them is important.

Gary Griffin will represent the Committee at the POA Board Meeting on October 25.

Staff Reports:

- Tom Judson reported that all Department Heads are working on budgets and there will be a public meeting to review the budget. The meeting will be held on November 8 at 6PM at Riordan Hall.
- Rick Echols has been working in the office a lot due to budget preparation. There has been fill dirt laid out and more coming at the gun range. There is a conceal carry class coming on October 21 and on October 28 a beginner's trap and skeet class. The staff continues to measure the distances for no wake zones which is a continuing problem. All the RV's are out of the RV Storage. The clearing of the facility went more smoothly than last time. There is one "squatter" to be dealt with.
- John Urguhart said that when the dirt is completely laid out at the gun range a professional will be coming in to lay out the range. Jessica asked if the range sells ear plugs since several people had inquired at Branchwood about the availability of plugs there. John said they have them for sale. Branchwood may begin stocking some ear plugs for users.
- Joan reported that a recent tennis tournament was very successful. There were 80 people in the tournament. The Metfield parking lot has been resurfaced and restriped, and new lighting is coming soon. Riordan is gearing up for the Christmas Bazaar to be held on November 10. Blowing Springs RV Park has been very busy. There are a couple of weekends completely sold out. Flea in the Park will be held this Saturday from 9-5. An Enduro race used the trails last weekend and was well received. The cabin has received six reservations in the last week. There are currently more than \$1,200 in bookings. There is a two night minimum at \$89 per night. If a booking is for a week or more there is a 20% discount from the rate. The cabin has had lots of interest. Steve Bourne asked if there were plans for more of the cabins. Joan said hopefully eventually there would be three more.
- Jessica reported that the daily feedback at Branchwood has been great. Some have complained about the hooks in the locker room being too low. They were placed for ADA approval. New, higher hooks are being installed this week. There have been some comments about the hot tub seats having a rough surface. Spa seats have been ordered and should be in tomorrow. TRX straps in the stretch area are coming. In November Tai Chi will be offered at Branchwood. The class will be held at 6PM on Wednesdays. Numbers are good at Branchwood. From the 21 of September to October 8 sales have included 29 annual passes, 34 monthly passes, 122 employees using the facility, 49 child passes, 45 adult passes and 15 discs sold. There is an order coming for beginner packets for disc golf. There are three discs in the starter packet. They include a driver, mid-range disc and a putter. Ray Moore, who helped design the course, may do a youth day

as a special event for the disc course. He did the disc golf demo at the open house. Ken Fink and his wife did a great job demonstrating pickle ball. There was a lot of interest at both demonstrations. Bill Puskas asked about soundproofing the pool area since it seems to be noisier than before. Joan said right now it is not going to get done, but she is looking to the future to do something to help that. Bill asked if anyone had addressed the problem of the hot tub users being able to see in the men's locker room when the door opens. Joan said that issue is being looked at now. There are Fitness 101 Classes coming up. This will enable users to learn the safe use of the equipment. Deb complimented the food at the Branchwood Open House.

- Judy Griffin told the committee the winter "Inside" will be out in December. She reminded all that advertising is being sold and to encourage local businesses to advertise in the various POA publications. The Marketing Department is going to be doing trial advertising in brochures at Blowing Springs. Again, this will be an opportunity to promote local businesses.

The next regular committee meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, November 12 at the Country Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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