

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES October 17, 2018

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

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

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 September 2018 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Management Comments:

Rick Echols - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Superintendent –

- Rick distributed a table and corresponding graphs of lake ranger “contact data” and “boat hours” for 2018 only, and 2018 versus 2017, and reviewed the significance of info presented.
- A park/lake ranger contact definition: If there are 8 people in the boat, 8 contacts are reported even though the lake ranger engages primarily with one person.
- 7 rangers during summer, working May thru September. In the edge months of October and April, 5 rangers employed, then 3 for the winter months.
- No buoys at 150 feet in the main lake body (big investment would be required and tough to manage). Buoys are located only in coves
- Winsor drawn down begins November 7th, and gates will remain open until March 1st.
- Improvements have been made in monitoring “wake boat” activities, of which there are only a few.
- Continue to do the monthly lake and stream monitoring.
- Water quality data will be presented at the December 12th meeting.
- Electro fishing on Lohman continues with hopes to help answer questions about lower quality fishing.
- 12 lbs. largemouth caught on Brittany: fish grow fast in Brittany Lake!
- All lake dams' vegetation sprayed.
- Patched pot holes on Rayburn Dam roadway and Stony Kirk.
- Replaced burned out bulbs on the marina docks.
- Installed new bumpers at the courtesy boat stalls.
- Replaced a cable and anchor on C dock.
- Marina will be managed by the POA next year with 3 personnel.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments:

1) Tom Judson, General Manager

- Stated it was a good idea, and supported the need to register wake boats i.e., boats containing ballasts. This would possible help administer current and futures issues, particularly if the numbers of such increase significantly.

2) Dave Brandenburg, POA

- Requested info on the general usage (all types of lake activities) on all the lakes. One comment offered explained that Rayburn has experience a dramatic increase in the last 3 years of swimming, including the use of all kinds of water toys, use of the two POA docks, recreational boating, and fishing.

3) Jerry Hover, POA.

- Stated that the JAC recommendation to the POA Board to update the rules regarding limiting guests of member dependents was tabled: Reason, more time is needed to allow additional input from a larger diversity of community members. Tom, and Ruth explained, that now that the issue is well defined, via Grace's report, more manpower will be devoted to monitoring events and collecting data that will aid in determining possible future community rule changes.

4) Ruth Hatcher, POA

Old Business:

- The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 14 hours since their last meeting September 2018.

New Business:

- Management of "wake boats" issues. After considerable discussion regarding the definition of wake boats i.e., boats containing a ballast, as well as supporting the need to budget and keep the number of lake rangers at current levels, *Matt offered a motion to support these items and it passed.*

Open Forum:

- Bill Elias, resident since 1980, expressed concern about the increasing sediment flowing into BV lakes and the possible effects of lake out-flows with the erosion of little Sugar Creek.

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, December 12, 2018 i.e., No November meeting.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.