BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES March 20, 2019

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

Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance: Tom Judson, David Brandenburg, Jerry Hover, Ruth Hatcher, Kim Carlson, Tammie Loyd, Joan Glubczynski

Management Liaisons in Attendance: Rick Echols, John Urquhart

Guests Present: Steve Hilton, Bob McGrath, Steve Curtis

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

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: None

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the February 20, 2018 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Management Comments:

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

- 200 Christmas tree fish habitat reef added at Lake Ann
- Lake rangers made 379 member/guest contacts
- April 1st begins the boat registration check effort for all lakes. Owners of unregistered boats will be contacted
- Unsatisfactory perma-sealed deck coating within the Avalon heated fishing dock, under warranty, will be resealed
- The **GRIP** effort is back on. Contact **Echols** office to report goose nest issues
- Aquaculture project is active: two golf course ponds have been drained and are refilling: two more ponds will be next
- Saugeye brood stock will be available in the next two days and moved in jars and taken to Avalon's heated dock. The dock doors will be locked to prevent project disturbance
- Both Black Crappie and Saugeye are the brood stock for this year
- Currently receiving the month allotment of trout which are good size and quality
- Continuing the largemouth bass study for the second year. Chris Fuller will give a report, on survey results, at a future JAC meeting
- The Spring fish population survey will start up soon depending upon water temperature. When conditions are right, the crew will first start work just after sundown on Winsor and Lomond: survey results produce data to help improve all POA lake fisheries
- The annual kids fishing derby at the Metfield pond is set for May 18th from 8 AM until noon
- Kayak demo day June 1st on Lake Ann park from 10 AM to 3 PM

POA Board Member Liaison Comments:

1) Tom Judson, General Manager

2)

Photo submitted

The outside of the marina building on Loch Lomond was painted to match the colors of the Lakepoint event center. Inside, new merchandise shares the renovated space with fishing equipment.

Renovated shop lures anglers

- This month's meeting attendees first met in the newly renovated Marina store at Lakepoint. **Judson** introduced Marina manager, **Joan Glubczynski**, and new POA corporate secretary, **Tammie Loyd. He** then gave a brief overview of the Marina store renovation objectives, then, asked **Kim Carlson** to talk about the other aspects of Marina renovation, primarily wearing apparel that may aid in merging Lakepoint services and activities with those of passionate anglers.
- One fisherman present, **Steve Hilton**, express the need for a larger display and marketing of fishing utensils e.g., artificial lures. **Glubczynski**, assured Steve that in addition to marketing the usual live fishing baits of minnows, crickets, and worms, every effort will be made to keep the most popular fishing lures available for purchase.
- The meeting attendees moved to Lakepoint's wine tasting room to continue with the meeting agenda items.

3) Jerry Hover, Ruth Hatcher POA Board

- Keep up the good work!

Old Business:

- The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 14hours since their last meeting on February 20, 2018.
- **Echols**: Winsor flood gates are now closed. Lake is up 2' and has about 4-1/2' to go to be full.
- **Judson:** Water quality testing continues at lakes Brittany and Ann and results are good i.e., no noticeable effects from the stump dump fire water runoff.

New Business: Stonykirk's Upgraded Parking Area

- **Echols** presented plans to improve Stonykirk's boat-trailer traffic pattern and parking by:
    - Widening the entire parking area
    - Enlarging the boat-trailer turnaround and launching area
    - Removing present parking spot identification boulders
    - Add traffic flow and parking signage
    - Curb stops are installed
- ***Yorman*** *made a motion to accept the Stonykirk parking area upgrade plans: motion passed*.
- Angler **Hilton** said the Stonykirk parking lot upgrade plans look great to him!
- **Yorman:** Reminded everyone that the lakes Secchi measurement activities begin April 1st and with Chris Fuller's new efficient website data entry techniques, will save time and trouble for everyone participating.
- **Yorman** made a motion to recommend extending the service to JAC of Kelly Austin and Matt Champagne for another term. *Motion passed.*
- **Champagne** made a motion to accept the requested change of the lakes JAC regular monthly meeting date from the third Wednesday each month to the second. *Motion passed.*

Open Forum:

- **Steve Hilton** asked if there are fishing tournament rules and regulations for he wasn't aware of any. He knows of at least one tournament that occurs each Wednesday morning on Lomond consisting of between 10 to 20 boats. **Echols** responded saying all tournaments are to be scheduled though his office and requested **Hilton's** support in helping register this unregistered/unscheduled tournament by reporting its occurrence to a lake ranger or his office.
- **Echols** continued, saying the lakes JAC created fishing tournament regulations stating that only one tournament can be scheduled per lake per week. Sixteen boats per tournament are allowed on Lomond and Winsor, and ten on Ann.
- Resident **Bob McGrath** asked for the "goose nest hot line" phone number and said such a phone number existed in years past. **McGrath** said he didn't want to make an issue of this apparent non-existent number, but just wanted to know if the phone number existed.
- C**hampagne**: *it doesn't.*
- **Echols**: If and when a goose nest location is reported to his office a staff member will respond.
- **Steve Hilton** asked about the stocking of Saugeye since it is an introduced species and may pose a threat to the POA lakes Bass fishery. **Echols**: Saugeye are introduced in small numbers. Also, the current Bass diet study indicates that the Large Mouth Bass's diet is different; therefore, the combination of these two factors suggest Saugeye don't threaten the quality of the POA lakes Bass fishery.
- **Steve Hilton:** Are "wipers" still being introduced into POA lakes? **Echols**: Yes.
- **Steve Curtis** who lives on the west side above Lomond is concerned about plans to lay a bike path close to Stonykirk's parking lot that would impact parking. **Judson**: The 2010 trail master plan is under review and changes are being considered and are currently a long way from final on how they would be placed with respect to Stonykirk.
- **Steve Hilton:** How are funds allocated to the lakes department budget? **Judson:** The POA budget development process runs from June through August and accepts input from the various committees, including the lakes JAC, and the board uses this input to create and approve the lakes budget.

Announcements and next meeting:

- **T**he next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at the Bella Vista Village Country Club Board Room at 2 pm on Wednesday, April 10th, 2019.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:06p.