

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

March 11, 2019

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Vice Chair, Debbie Sorensen called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM at the Country Club.

In attendance: Debbie Sorensen, Ken Fink, Chris Stockman, Mary Henning, Val Courter, Steve Bourne, Jan Dobbertin

POA employees: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, John Urguhart, Jessica Anson, Rick Echols, Judy Griffin

POA Liaisons: Pat Laury

Guests: Steve McKee, Ruth Hatcher, Chairperson of the Board, John Nuttall and Jacob Tucker

Minutes from prior meeting:

Minutes from February 2019 were approved via internet and sent to Leia Bush.

Introduction of Guests

Guests were asked to introduce themselves and bring any issues to the Committee.

John Nuttall and Steve McKee both said they were at the meeting to observe. Jacob Tucker told members of the committee that there had been talk about the bikers not paying for the use of the trails. He said that they all pay an entry fee for each festival, sometimes as much as \$150 for a three day festival. It was suggested that the Marketing Department include information about the sponsors of these events. John Nuttall said perhaps Facebook or Instagram would help get the word out. Judy Griffin suggested the bikers go to the naysayers to get the word out about sponsors and the fees involved for the bikers. Debbie Sorensen asked how many festivals were anticipated each year. Jacob named several. He also said the trails look amazing.

Amenity Reports

- Branchwood-Deb Sorensen said all is good at Branchwood. The facility is busy in all areas and with warmer weather, she expects it to become even busier.
- Gun Ranges-Ken Fink said there were no major problems. There have been some computer problems which were addressed. The 4th trap is under construction and progressing well. Several group shoots are scheduled beginning on April 14. It would be desirable that the 4th trap be completed by then. John Urguhart said the hard date for completion is May 1, but staff is working hard to finish earlier. Ken reports several

windows in the main office need to be replaced since some are cracked and others have broken seals.

- RV Storage, Lake Ann and London Park-Chris Stockman told the committee that everything is fine at Lake Ann Park. There are several small branches and twigs down following the wind on Saturday. At London Park the restrooms could use a good cleaning, otherwise the park is in good shape. The RV Storage facility is secure and in good order.
- Riordan Hall and Tennis-Mary Henning complimented the POA staff on the newly painted exercise room. She has had many compliments from members. The tennis complex is anticipating its first adult tournament on May 10-12. There are three new tournaments scheduled this year. Members are pleased with the activities and scheduled socials. Joan Glubczynski told the committee that during the windstorm on Saturday a tree fell onto the fence at the tennis complex. It did some damage and it is hopeful the staff can do the repairs on the fence.
- Loch Lomond Complex-Jan Dobbertin reports that the complex is in good order. The fencing around the low, muddy area in the large dog park has begun deteriorating. Rick Echols said that area will be filled and planted when the weather dries out. The restrooms are very clean.
- Tiree Park-In Gary Griffin's absence, his wife, Judy reported all good at Tiree. There are a few limbs down due to the wind last weekend.
- RV Park and Blowing Springs Park-Val Courter said all is good at Blowing Springs. The new sign for the new arboretum looks great. There were lots of campers and bikers in the park on Sunday and the restrooms are clean.
- Metfield Complex-Steve Bourne told the committee that Metfield is in good shape. He mentioned the mini golf needing some sprucing up. The restrooms are in need of cleaning, some of the toilets are not flushing.

New Business

Debbie Sorensen said the March 9 Meet and Greet was well attended. The next Meet and Greet is scheduled for August. Fourteen volunteers and new members enjoyed lunch at BV Bar and Grill following the meeting. Debbie also complimented Ruth Hatcher on her presentation as she filled in for Tom Judson.

Debbie will represent the Committee at the next Board Meeting on March 28th.

Chris Stockman and Debbie Sorensen reported on the Archery Sub Committee. They reported that there is a group doing a walk through on Ark/Mo property on Saturday, March 16. Those attending are very interested in seeing an archery range established in Bella Vista. Debbie said there are approximately 15 people coming, including coaches and archery experts from Missouri and Oklahoma who want to look at the property for feasibility. It is important that the

visitors understand that this is a feasibility study, pending a grass roots start for a practice range with growth coming later. Debbie asked Ruth and Tom what they would like discussed with the attendees. Tom would like an idea of the real possible usage. Ruth agreed. Judy Griffin asked whether the interested parties were members of the POA. Some are and some are not. It was agreed that the Ark/Mo property would make a great temporary location for archery. Chris also said that if archery interest and participation grows, it could become a money generator. Joan said that she had a call from the VISTA. There will be an article regarding archery in this week's edition. Pat Laury suggested that any discussion be held off the property following the walk through. He feels it would be more conducive to have the discussion elsewhere. Tom reminded all that the range should be member oriented with the POA putting up the money and that it will be a modest range. Steve Bourke asked if this would be something the Walton Foundation might cover. Tom said it must be open to the public if they are involved.

Staff Reports:

- Tom Judson asked that as many committee members attend the public meeting on Tuesday the 12th regarding the extension of the Razorback Greenway from Blowing Springs to Metfield. He will ask members to help with focus groups and present the ideas generated to the attendees. Mary Henning asked about the route for the extension. Joan said the hard trail won't be replacing the soft trail; however, the soft trail might have to be moved slightly, but not much. Tom showed a power point detailing the new trail. Val Courter, Mary Henning and Debbie Sorensen walked the proposed extension on Sunday. They met 7 bikers from St. Louis along the trail. They met many others in total along the trail. Joan said bikers will have a separate trail when the new hard surface is complete. Pat Laury asked about the close proximity to golf courses. John Nuttall said that the Razorback Trail goes past several golf courses which are fenced or screened. Pat also thought that parts of the trail may be too close to the road in some areas. Tom said that the entire path is designed to National Safety Standards. Joan added that all of the concerns expressed are part of the designing and building. Val asked about trails in conjunction with the road through Blowing Springs. Joan said the road will not interfere with the trail. Tom stressed that Tuesday's meeting is for public input and the comments will be tracked and considered. The three entities involved in Tuesday's meeting are the POA, the City and NWA Trailblazers. Debbie asked about an appropriate answer for those who ask why POA members are not voting on this. Tom said that members elected the City Council and POA Board members to make these decisions. Pat Laury asked about any easement issues involved in the expansion. Joan said the bulk of the trail is on POA property and there is only one other property owner involved. Tom also told the committee testing continues on Lakes Brittany and Ann regarding the stump dump fire and there are no levels of concern at this time.

- John Urguhart reported that the gun range beat last February's usage, even with February historically being the slowest month. Pistol and Conceal Carry Classes are underway and are full. Ken Fink said that at the new trap field an ADA pad was added. John added that a handicap parking space has also been added.
- Rick Echols reported that Christmas trees have been placed in Lake Ann. He also said that Lake Windsor is up about a foot, with five more feet to go. The marina is open with limited hours until May 1. The current hours are Monday-Thursday 8 – 2, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8 – 5. He issued an invitation for the committee to tour the marina. Rick's staff is overseeing the collection of samples for the stump dump testing, the Aquaculture project is underway and two golf course ponds were drained last week. Rick also mentioned the marina has BV logo items now for sale.
- Joan reported the arboretum will be at the back of Blowing Springs. Next Monday, the 18th, there will be a celebratory tree planting there to celebrate Arbor Day. About 20 new species of trees will eventually be planted in the area. The Walton Foundation is funding the cleanup, new sign and plantings. Ken Fink asked how large an area the arboretum will consume. Joan said it will be approximately 2 acres. Joan told the committee that the barriers in the pickleball courts will be completed. This fills the gap between the edge of the fence and the playing surface. Joan reports lots of positive feedback regarding the newly painted exercise room at Riordan. Her staff is preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on April 20 at the Kingsdale complex. Pat Laury asked about the sound system for the hunt. Last year's instructions were hardly audible and he suggested that this year instructions be repeated several times. Joan said they may have to use a different sound system this year and possibly have posters as well. Judy Griffin asked if the Easter Egg Hunt is for members and their guests only. Joan said yes but they don't police it.
- At Avalon Beach work is currently being done to create a VIP lounge. It will be a small pavilion for small parties. The deck for the pavilion will be approximately 14 x 14. There are currently 23 miles done on the 11 Under Project and the first tunnel is being built. Joan has been asked about the trail being so close to the playground at Kingsdale. It is a great place to have the trail due to the opportunities for moms and kids to use the equipment.
- Jessica Anson reports she is gearing up for summer by hiring lifeguards, etc. She said that most all of the lifeguards needed have been hired. She just returned from an Aquatic Conference which was a good conference and she will report on it in April.
- Judy Griffin reminded the committee that the new *Inside* Magazine is in circulation. It was a great issue for advertising revenue. She suggested talking up the Marina. Deb thought maybe posting something on Positively Bella Vista would be prudent.

The next regular committee meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, April 8 at the Country Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Submitted by Jan Dobbertin

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