

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES February 20, 2019

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

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

Management Liaisons in Attendance: Rick Echols, John Urquhart

Guests Present: Several POA members

Call to Order: Matt Champagne called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm with 6 committee members present.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: None

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the January 16th Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Management Comments:

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

- Gearing up for the water quality data collection work to begin with volunteer training events scheduled for March 7th & 20th, 3:30pm at Avalon dam dock.
- Also, efforts are underway to implement an increased efficient method for entering water quality data e.g., *upon opening an email message and clicking on a link, data can be entered directly into the master water quality data collection spreadsheet.*
- Collecting lake “color” data is very subjective; therefore, *isn't* included as a water quality data variable.
- As in the past, **Yorman**, *JAC water quality volunteer coordinator*, stated volunteers who aren't “tech or internet savvy” may continue to “phone call in” water quality data.
- Lake rangers made 330 member/guest contacts.
- The construction of the Lake Ann kayak rack is now complete. The old rack will be dismantled as soon as kayaks are moved from the old to the new rack.
- Suggested the March 20th JAC meeting convene at the Marina store. **Carlson** followed up by saying a tour will be provided at the refurbished store business location, after which, Lakepoint will provide a room to continue the business portion of the meeting. **Champagne**, polled committee attendees, and all agreed to the temporary March meeting location change and he will communicate the March meeting location details.
- Training for two new Marina employees will begin soon. Efforts are underway to fill two more positions. Lake rangers will fill-in with help when needed.

- Extensive cleaning of the Marina and surrounding areas completed.
- Unable to locate a coordinator of the GRIP (Goose Reproduction & Intervention Program) volunteers; therefore, unless there is strong objection, this activity will be bypassed for 2019. This effort has been very productive in the past few years and is probably the reason there is less need for it now. However, if goose nests are noticed, they will be tended to.
- The goose population has dwindled from over 2000 geese to under 200 as a result of GRIP efforts. **Echols** suspects there may be less than 50 permanent goose residents.
- Two additional lake rangers will begin duty on March 1st.
- The Aquaculture project will start next week with the catching of Walleye and Crappie brood fish. The Berksdale golf course ponds will be drained to remove predatory fish then refilled and brood fish added.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments:

1) Tom Judson, General Manager

- Lakes Brittany and Ann both tested for effects from the stump dump fire (SDF) water run-off and results were good.
- Three tests have been done on the lakes at different dates and all were good.
- The City is managing the SDF project and its website contains the most current information.
- The POA has hired ERM to provide additional assistance to all other agencies involved in managing the SDF effort, with the hope the best possible solution can be realized ASAP.
- A *three year* “boat registration table” was reviewed and clearly showed Kayak registrations increased substantially, and are now, by far, showing the largest total of **9301!** Total fees, **\$140,874**. All other boat registrations numbers remained steady over the same period. The next largest boat registration number, **2,027**, was for 16 to 20-foot boats with motors 11 hp or larger. This category produced the largest revenue of **\$404,018**.
- Boat registration fees for all sizes were raised about 3 years ago. Two years back, Kayak fees were raised \$5.
- The 2020 Committee is being formed with the mission to reevaluate all POA amenity fee rates/structures.
- A general discussion developed regarding lake fees and how they relate to lake amenities maintenance etc.
- **Yorman** made a motion to delay further discussions until after the 2020 Committee reports. Motion passed.
- Boating registration and other lakes related fees go to the POA Lakes Department.
- All POA amenities are subsidized except for Blowing Springs.

2) Kim Carlson, Director of Marketing and Communications

- Presented a comprehensive video on the POA 2019 advertising and marketing efforts.

Old Business: The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 14 hours since their last meeting on June 20, 2018.

New Business: None.

Open Forum:

- **Jody Wilson** of Lake Winsor dock 12 presented a large photo poster display of substantial damage done to the property's sea wall and the dock's pillar footings. She and husband Terry believe a substantial part of the damage was caused by waves generated by "wake" boats. The Wilson's are aware of and expressed appreciation for the current efforts to control non-compliant wake boat activity, but feels more focus should be directed to Winsor, primarily because it is relatively small and narrow compared to Lomond; therefore, more Lake Ranger support is justified. Jody ended by saying: please continue the present level of education efforts and Lake Ranger support.
- **Steve Mckee** asked about the number of BV lakes and the number of Lake Rangers. Echols replied there are 7 lakes with 6 rangers during the summer months. Steve seem to question if the rangers are properly utilized after Echols explained the larger lakes receive closer surveillance during peak activity.
- Another person commented that wake boats issues are going to continue and encouraged the JAC committee to continue efforts to find ways to control them. **Echols** responded by saying wake boats are now categorized at registration which will facilitate the ability to communicate and educate owners.
- **Walker** commented that a substantial amount of work was done by a JAC subcommittee recently regarding wake boat issues and feels more emphasis should be placed on enforcing current boating rules rather than implementing new ones. He emphasized that if the current rules were better enforced, damage to lake properties would be minimized along with improved boating safety.
- **Steve Curtis** voiced the need for further boat ramp repairs at Rayburn and Brittany. **Echols** said he would make efforts to correct the primary issues as best as possible.

Announcements and next meeting:

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at the recently renovated Bella Vista Village Marina Store on Wednesday, March 20th, 2019. Matt will communicate the details of the temporary change in the meeting location.
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Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:13 pm.