

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES July 10, 2019

Committee Members in Attendance: Matt Champagne (Chairman), Kelly Austin (Vice Chair), Paul Bickford (Secretary), Lloyd Walker, Grace Turley, Marvin Macedo, Jason Adams

Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance: Tom Judson, Ruth Hatcher, David Brandenburg, Tammie Loyd, Jerry Hover, Jerre Barron

Management Liaisons in Attendance: John Urquhart, Bob Walker

Guests Present: Steve Curtis, Ed Limehouse, Paul Otto, John Nuttall, Bryan Kennedy

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 June 2019 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Management Comments:

1) **John Urquhart** - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Assistant Superintendent

- Very busy restoring surrounding area properties from recent storm damage. Returned many kayaks dislodged from docks on most if not all the lakes because of storm winds
- Avalon dock cables failed because of storm winds and is under repair
- Tanyard Creek and London landing restrooms "lightly" vandalized e.g., stealing toilet paper.
- Lake rangers made 4228 member/guest contacts via boat and truck. Previous June was 2221. Boat hours 105 with 226 contacts made mostly on Lohman.
- **Bryan Kennedy dock 64 Lohman:** Is there a definitive breakdown of the type of contacts? **Urquhart:** Much more so for "land" contacts and to some degree on "water" contacts. (See below examples of lake ranger schedules and activities)
- Lake ecology activities continue with the removal of 5000 Saugeye from the pond. These efforts will continue until the Fall until the ponds are drained
- Removed several sections of "weed beds" from Stonykirk and Tiree to facilitate bank fishing
- Vegetation of Lohman remains an issue; however, much less than last year probably because the lake has stayed "bloomed" due to the frequent rain events and the flushed in nutrients which hasn't allowed sunlight to reach the lake bottom to grow the weeds out. Also, lake management factors such as adding more grass carp has been helpful.

2) **Bob Walker** – Senior Lake Ranger

- July 3rd, from 7 to 10 pm there were 78 boats on Lohman and 223 contacts were made by the 7 lake Rangers on duty. Also 3 fire department rescue staff were resident during this period and ready to assist if needed
- All boating activity was orderly i.e., no improper uses of alcohol or disorderly behavior
- The only significant issue was the lack of parking availability
- There are now 8 lake Rangers in the department and those present at this JAC meeting could view a sample of their weekly planned work schedule as well as

accomplished activities. (**see below**)

- **Turley:** Over your eight years' lake ranger experience, what are the trends i.e., what are the increases or decreases in types of activities, numbers of member and non-member usage of lake amenities? **Walker:** large increase in the number of members and their guests using the lakes and a noticeable increase in non-member use and presence.
- **Champagne:** A couple of my neighbors with boats in the marina attended the fireworks event, *where activities were well managed*, except for the rest rooms: only one port-a-potty in the parking lot and neighbors were denied usage of Lakepoint's restrooms.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments:

1) **Tom Judson**, General Manager-

- The stump dump/Trafalgar Road fire is out and phase one is complete. The POA has sixty days to submit plans to the ADEQ for phase two. Hydroseeding will begin within the next two weeks. A site water drainage sample container was passed around to show the water clarity and it is likely the ADEQ will require water quality sampling to continue for the next two years. Lake Ann and Brittany water quality sampling probably will continue for the next one or two months.
- The Highlands stump dump plans have been approved by the ADEQ and the site should be open for usage by the end of the year.
- **Turley:** Will the POA accept suggestions from the public on how the former stump dump site will be restored and repurposed? **Judson:** Site remediation is controlled by the ADEQ; therefore, the POA must follow their guidelines. Presently waiting for answers from the ADEQ as to whether the site can be reforested or used for the creation of an archery range. It is known that no housing construction will be permitted. **Turley:** Will the POA accept suggestions? **Judson:** Yes. **Champagne:** why has the ADEQ been so restrictive on the site usage? **Judson:** unsure why. **Nuttall:** The POA doesn't own the property. **Judson:** The ADEQ has asked the POA to try and purchase the property, now owned by Brown Tree Service, and this is now under consideration and may be possible. Efforts are now focused on turning a negative situation into a positive one i.e., restore the property to something as aesthetical as possible.
- **Old Business:** The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 19 hours since the June meeting.

New Business:

- **Champagne** welcomed new Lakes JAC member **Jason Adams**. Jason said he is a recent new community member but loves the area and enjoys fishing the lakes and wants to do all he can to assist in helping with JAC committee duties
 - It's time to select the committee members to serve as Chairman, vice-chairman and secretary for the next year
 - *A motion was made to reinstate Matt as Chairman, Austin as Vice-chairman and Paul as secretary for the coming term. Motion passed*
 - Requested Tammie Loyd to obtain badges for all committee members who don't have name tags: most don't have one
 - It's time to review and create the 2020 JAC capital budget recommendations to be forwarded to the Board. (**see below**) I have removed completed 2019 capital budget items from the "work" copy so each committee member can review it to

aid in forming the final JAC 2020 capital budget recommendations. This process needs to be completed by the August 14th meeting; therefore, please review the budget items list and forward suggested new ones to me for consideration at the next meeting.

- **Walker:** Suggested a new budget item, and additional “effort” be devoted to area boat docks that are dilapidated, and those that were clearly never permitted and are non-compliant with ACC aesthetic standards like those made from an old stripped down pontoon. **Urquhart:** One of the main purposes of lake drawn downs is to provide an opportunity for dock owners to repair and improve their docks. Lake rangers do examine docks via a check list and reports issues e.g., electrical wiring hazards and other compliance issues to owners with the hopes they will make repairs in a timely manner. **Champagne:** please let the JAC know if it can help with this activity.
- Discussion and questions developed around dock maintenance requirements: does maintenance etc. responsibility fall under the city or ACC? **Urquhart:** primarily the city; however, it’s a strange arrangement and the ACC does get involved. An ACC inspector, recently retired, did work with Lakes and Fisheries personnel to perform dock inspections. Efforts are underway to replace him and resume this activity. **Judson:** POA governing documents don’t include rule violation “fining” clauses or ability. **Macedo:** are there rules regarding placing a dock on the lakes and how they are to be maintained? **Judson:** This activity/responsibility rests with the ACC. **Urquhart:** Dock numbers are required and assigned primarily to aid the Lakes and Fisheries department.

Open Forum:

- **Steve Curtis:** Sunday July 7th, Tiree restrooms were locked and urgently needed. **Urquhart:** restrooms are locked at night during holidays primarily because of vandalism; however, the doors should be unlocked each morning. Please call (479)855-5148 for assistance. **Turley:** her kayak group has experienced Tiree locked restrooms on several occasions.
- **Paul Otto Lake Winsor:** *Attended the meeting to express his appreciation for the Lakes and Fisheries department for their work in removing a portion of a downed tree that lay in the lake*
- **John Nuttall lake Winsor:** There are 2800 registered kayaks; however, no such launches at any lake and requested that a capital budget item be devoted to installing one on each lake
- **Bryan Kennedy Lohman dock 64:** Discovered, while Kayak fishing, lines hanging from tree limbs with big hooks attached. **Urquhart:** “limb lines” are allowed; however, they are to be removed each morning and lake rangers will cut them if found. Fisherman casting lures too close to swimmers at dock 64. Question: What is recommended to manage this threatening situation? **Urquhart:** Call the lake Rangers at (479) 855-5148 for assistance if required.

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, August 14th, 2019.
- Lake JAC meetings are video recorded and can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/3MxGjJVePaM>

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:03pm.

Respectively Submitted, Paul Bickford, Secretary

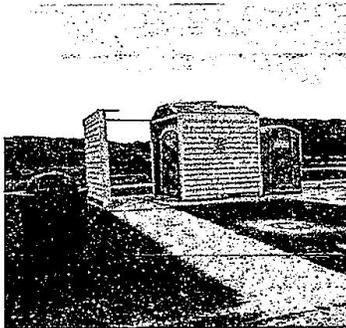
2020 Lakes JAC – Capital Budget Recommendations

Must Do's (critical to maintain the Bella Vista Lakes)

1. Maintain an annual budget to maintain all lakes with a balanced mineral enhancement program when and where needed
2. Maximize enforcement of boundaries for water skiing and wake boarding on all wake lakes through continued presence of Lake Rangers and the use of information releases through lake bulletin boards, Lake Updates, press releases, etc.
3. Continue trout stocking program in Lake Brittany
4. Continue fish breeding programs in golf course ponds etc.
5. Continue fish stocking programs in all lakes (is there a need to do more?)
6. Replace on POA truck and one POA boat this year.
7. Fund part time internship program for college students majoring in Fish Biology or related field to help with Summer projects
8. Replace, repair or maintain all POA maintained docks and existing boat launches on an as needed basis
 1. Rayburn - boat ramp in need of maintenance/repair
 2. Treat all docks with perma-seal to ensure to protect docks long term
9. Provided needed maintenance on all POA Parks and facilities
10. Resurface/pave the drives and parking lots at the lakes areas:
 1. Resurface black top on all POA Lake Dams as needed and when budget permits
 2. Resurface parking and drives - priority is Brittany Dam, and Rayburn
 3. Windsor all pavement needs replacing
11. Consider adding additional parking as needed at Lake Avalon to accommodate increased usage of the beach/swimming area.

Nice to Do's (needed to improve the Bella Vista Lakes)

1. Enclose all POA port-a-potties within lake visibility with a semi-permanent structure (much like city of Bentonville does – see picture) in reference to Lake Brittany Dam resident request. Re-locate current port-a-potty to ramp side of Dam on Lake Brittany



2. Improve launch access on main Lake Windsor ramp. Pretty tight to pull in and back boat into water.
3. Gard rail with boulders on the backside of Lake Brittany Dam,

LAKE RANGER SCHEDULE July 15- July 28

Department: 48 Lakes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
EMPLOYEE NAME:	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20	7/21
Bob Walker - 501	OFF	OFF	7-3	7-3	7-3	OFF	OFF
Lee Kroencke - 507	OFF	OFF	OFF	11-7	7-3	7-3	OFF
David Schoenbaum - 506	OFF	2-10	11-7	OFF	OFF	OFF	8-4
Mike Goff-504	OFF	OFF	OFF	7-3	8-4	8-4	2-6
Gary Barnett - 503	12-8	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	2-10	1-9
Randy Humphries - 505	OFF	7-3	11-7	11-7	1-9	1-9	OFF
Greg Cawein - 502	OFF	OFF	3-11	11-7	11-7	OFF	OFF
Dylan Gresham - 508	OFF	11-7	2-10	2-10	2-10	2-10	OFF
PATROL LEGEND	Lomond Patrol		Windsor Patrol		Ann Patrol	No Wake Lakes	
Department: 48 Lakes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
EMPLOYEE NAME:	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27	7/28
Bob Walker - 501	OFF	OFF	7-3	7-3	7-3	OFF	OFF
Lee Kroencke - 507	OFF	OFF	OFF	11-7	7-3	7-3	OFF
David Schoenbaum - 506	OFF	2-10	11-7	OFF	OFF	7-3	OFF
Michael Goff - 504	OFF	OFF	OFF	11-7	11-7	8-4	2-6
Gary Barnett - 503	8-4	8-4	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	8-4
Randy Humphries - 505	OFF	OFF	11-7	2-10	2-10	2-10	1-9
Greg Cawein - 502	OFF	OFF	OFF	11-7	11-7	11-7	OFF

Dylan Gresham - 508	1-9	OFF	2-10	2-10	2-10	2-10	OFF
PATROL LEGEND	Lomond Patrol		Windsor Patrol		Ann Patrol	No Wake Lakes	
No Wake Lakes - spend at least 4 hours COMBINED per shift (for example: 1 hr each on Rayburn, Brittany, Norwood & Avalon)							
Leave Requests: Greg off 7/20-24							

LAKE RANGER WEEKLY REPORT

Week of 6/27-7/3

Shoreline Contacts	Members	Guests	Removed
Lomond	657	304	2
Avalon	202	228	65
Windsor	350	138	32
Norwood	52	13	11
Ann	193	61	19
Brittany	73	62	9
Rayburn	68	13	4
Sub Total	1595	819	142
Grand Combined Total	2556		

Lake Patrol Boating Contacts

Lomond	392
Avalon	14
Windsor	85
Norwood	1
Ann	28
Brittany	
Rayburn	

Sub Total	520
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Grand Combined Total	520
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Lake Patrol Time

Lomond	33.15
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Avalon	3.3
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Windsor	20.3
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Norwood	
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Ann	12.45
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Brittany	
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Rayburn	
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Sub Total	69.2
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Grand Combined Total	69.2
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