

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES November 13, 2019

Committee Members in Attendance: Matt Champagne (Chairman), Kelly Austin (Vice Chair), Marvin Macedo, Harrold Robinson, Gracie Turley, Lloyd Walker, Rick Yorman, Jason Adams

Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance: David Brandenburg, Jerry Hover, Jerry Barron Jr., Ruth Hatcher

Management Liaisons in Attendance: Tom Judson, Tammie Lloyd, Rick Echols, John Urquhart

Guests Present: Several POA members

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

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: None

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the October 9, 2019 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Management Comments:

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

- Trout stocking was delayed by 1 week due to recent rains and flooding, will stock this week.
- Stoneykirk, London Landing and Tanyard all suffered damage during the recent flooding, no timeline yet for repairs.
- Lake Ann drawdown started on Monday and we may be on schedule to meet the December 5th goal so homeowners can begin dock repairs. We will be sampling Lake Ann ahead of the drawdown being complete.
- The fingerling Blue Cats are still in the golf ponds, in spite of the recent flooding.

2) John Urquhart - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Assistant Superintendent -

- Presentation of Wake Boat Video in new business.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments:

1) Tom Judson, General Manager

- For the POA vote going on right now, we currently have a 49.9% participation and hope to get to a quorum of 50%+1 in the next few days. 300 volunteers have made thousands

of calls to members.

- We have severe dog park damage below Loch Lomond due to the recent rains and flooding, we need to determine next steps.
- There is an upcoming budget meeting on Thursday in Riordan Hall, and the election committee will review election results next Tuesday in Riordan.

2) Dave Brandenburg, POA

- No Comments

3) Jerry Hover, POA Board

- No comments

Old Business: The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 14 hours since their last meeting on October 9, 2019.

- Ongoing discussion regarding wake boats on Bella Vista lakes.

New Business:

- Questions about the aggregate cost of flood damage to the POA
 - Short term repairs are minimal, long term fixes are expensive.
- Wake Boat Video
 - John Urquhart walked us through the experiment setup and results.
 - Link to video is on the POA website
 - Questions after the video:
 - Did we attempt to measure the size of the wake behind the boat during the different passes? No.
 - Discussion about how to improve the experiment in the future:
 - Capture video from more locations/perspectives
 - Measure waves with different amounts of ballast
 - Measure waves 18' out where the front of the docks are
 - Measure wave impact on a boat moored in a dock
 - Measure waves produced by a non-wake water skiing or bass boat
 - Measure waves in different water depths at the sea wall
 - Measure wave impact on a kayak 20' offshore
 - Use electronics on a kayak to measure wave height
- Matt Champagne summarized by thanking all members who have come forward for their contributions to the wake boat discussion.
- Rick Yorman reviewed a list of possible solutions:
 - Increase wake distance to 200'.
 - Use surf wedges so that waves are pushed toward the center of the lake.
 - Identify ballast boats at registration time.

- Provide stickers that allow visual identification of wake boats at a distance.
- Require a video training for wake boat registrants.
- Provide color maps that outline the 200' wake line on all lakes at registration and on signage at the ramp(s).
- Provide additional / improved signage at the ramp(s) and on buoys.
- Provide a 200' marker buoy to illustrate the 200' distance to boat operators on the lake.
- Improve buoy placement to reduce confusion.
- Continue to increase ranger enforcement and supplement with education as necessary.
- Provide free downloadable waypoints/maps for boats equipped with gps electronics to outline various distances from shore.

Open Forum:

- Question about ability to proactively lower a lake before a rain. We can only lower about 3" per day safely.
- Member recommended a temporary moratorium on additional wake boat registrations until final decisions regarding wake boats is reached. Discussion about whether this is legal, defining a wake boat, safety, property damage took place.
- Comment that additional ranger coverage would be helpful in monitoring wake boat activity.
- Member suggested allowing the homeowners to purchase buoys for the Lake and Parks department to place in front of their homes.
- Member suggested adding an additional fish cleaning station on Loch Lomond for boaters. The only cleaning station on that lake is on the fishing dock in the marina cove.

Announcements and next meeting:

- ***We need a Lakes JAC member to provide an update at the POA board meeting Thursday at 6p.***
- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at the Bella Vista Village Country Club Board Room at 2 pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:40p.