

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES January 8, 2020

Committee Members in Attendance: Matt Champagne, (Chairman), Kelly Austin, (vice Chairman), Paul Bickford (Secretary), Jason Adams, Rick Yorman, Gracie Turley, Harold Robinson

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

Management Liaisons in Attendance: Rick Echols, John Urquhart

Guests Present: Gene Burkhead, Arell Wasson, 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: Add **Yorman's** request to ascertain the list of Lakes and Parks Inspection volunteers

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the December 2019 Lakes JAC meeting were approved as submitted

New Business:

Management Comments:

1. Tom Judson, General Manager

- a. The POA assessment increase vote results will be announced at the special open Board meeting Thursday 1/16/20 Riordan Hall at 6 pm.
- b. At the moment the vote count is 47.7% and must reach 50% to reach quorum. At this time during the last voting event the vote count was 46.1% so we are 1.6% ahead. **Yorman:** For the assessment increase to pass, 51% of quorum must vote "yes". **Judson:** Yes
- c. **Champagne:** The Wake Boat rule change recommendations were forwarded to the Board at the December meeting. To allow more time for the POA membership to consider them, they were "tabled" to be considered at the January meeting
 - i. Several members of the Lakes JAC will attend the January Board meetings on 1/16 (Board room 9 am) and 1/23 (6 pm Riordan) to answer questions with regard to Wake Boat rule changes
- d. **Arell Wasson:** Which of the two Board meetings are open? **Judson:** Both are open to the public

2. Rick Echols, Lakes, Parks and Fisheries

- a. The London Landing "bank" stabilization was improved with the installation of "riprap" between the pavilion and Wet Weather creek that feeds Winsor. The hydrant was repaired.
- b. The dredging of London Landing and Loch Lomond's Stonykirk will be done later this winter
- c. Lakes and Parks crew are removing trash and tires from Lake Ann for the draw down
- d. Passed the goal of 6 feet drawdown on Lake Ann
- e. Agreed to lower Ann to 7 feet at the request of a property owner to permit additional dredging

- f. E. coli levels at all lakes are normal
- g. An avid fisherman at Avalon enclosed dock took a photo of an otter setting on top of a brood fish locker. It's OK for now, but will be moved elsewhere at the beginning of hatcher season
- h. Two nice large trout caught on Lake Brittany with one being close to 24 inches
- i. The Christmas drop-off will be at Lake Ann near the boat ramp
- j. An "A" frame structure will be constructed of 3 pallets and the trees will be "stuffed" within. The structure will reduce the decomposition of the trees
- k. There have been 2 Lake Brittany trout stocking with over a thousand fish, and a third stocking will occur next week
- l. Lake rangers have made 27 lake contacts and 7.25 hours on the water

3. **Champagne:** Lake JAC resignations:

- a. **Lloyd Walker** is moving to Kansas City to continue his employment with Walmart. He maintained the "google groups" constituents email addresses and was secretary of the committee for several years. **Austin Kelly** will assume the duties of maintaining "google groups"
- b. **Marvin Macedo** will leave the JAC in June after serving at least 3 years and has been important contributor to the team effort to develop Wake Boat rule changes

4. **Bickford:** Efforts will begin to contact the present members of the Lakes and Parks inspection group and verify each will continue the effort and replace those that don't. **Turley:** Are inspection duties to be performed a portion of the year? **Yorman:** It's my understanding the inspections are to be performed year-round

POA Board Member Liaison Comments: None

Old Business:

- Members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 16.5 hours since the last meeting
- **Champagne:** Let's now consider other discussion topic requests.
- **Bickford:** When was the last time Lake Rayburn was drawn down?
 - a. **Urquhart:** Not in the many years I've worked for the POA.
 - b. **Bickford:** What are the pros and cons of drawing down this lake since it's been many years?
 - c. **Echols:** The pros are the same as they are for the other lakes i.e., provides an opportunity to dredge in the backs of lake coves, allow lake front owners to build new, and perform needed repairs to docks and lake wall structures. Also, there will be some benefit to the lake game fishery
 - d. The cons are: similar to other lakes, the boat ramp may not allow boats into lake (to shallow), inconvenience, siphon tubes (same ones used with the Avalon draw down) must be installed
 - e. **Austin:** No need to open flood gates that haven't been opened in 20 years?
Echols: No, Rayburn doesn't have flood gates or spillway
 - With the help of the water department equipment, siphon tubes will be installed for the drawn down, and this is under consideration to be done in the near future
- **Bickford:** Several avid Lomond n fishermen asked me to bring up the subject of a second fish cleaning station, located in a much more convenient location, for them to use than the one located near the Marina. The last time we discussed this topic, you agreed you would seriously reconsider wedging the Granton fish cleaning station into the 2020 budget.

a. Austin: About what does a cleaning station cost? **Echols:** The last time we looked into it, the cost was between \$2,500 and \$5,000

- **Champagne:** Are there remaining questions or concerns regarding the Wake Boat rule changes that have been forwarded to the Board?
- **Hover:** Regarding the 100' rule of all boats operating normally. It appears to conflict with the Web Page statement stating 150'. Additionally, he requested boating rules be consistently displayed on public media i.e., The POA Website and printed documents
 - a. Champagne and Echols:** The understanding is: the 150' rule applies to Wake Boats, and boats pulling tubes, skiers, etc.
 - b.** The 100' rule applies to boats operating at full speed with no watercraft attached e.g., big HP fishing or other boats
 - c.** Boats moving slowly e.g., trolling fishing boats *aren't* bound by the 100' rule i.e., trolling boats, paddle boards, kayaks, etc. can legally move close to a property owners dock, or lake wall
 - d.** The new recommended wake producing boats/watercraft "distance from property" rule is 200', and replaces the previous 150' rule
- **Arell Wasson:** Will there be more Wake Boat/watercraft wave height testing in addition to the November '19 testing?
 - a. Champagne:** Yes, the Lakes JAC will request the lakes and Fisheries department to perform more wake size testing in 2020.
 - b. Yorman:** It was acknowledged at the November '19 meeting to include other types of boats/watercraft in future wake size testing events.
 - c. Turley:** Did we not also agree to include properties that were at an angle to the wake size testing? **Champagne:** Yes

Open Forum: None

- **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, February 12th, 2020
- *Lake JAC meeting minutes and videos can be viewed, (with a simple "Ctl+left mouse click), at: <https://bellavistapoa.com/governance/committees/#lakes>*

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:24pm

Respectively Submitted, Paul Bickford, Secretary