

## POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

May 11, 2020

Final

Gary Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM via ZOOM due to the restrictions placed on meetings by COVID-19.

**In attendance:** Gary Griffin, Chris Stockman, Val Courter, Steve Bourke, Debbie Sorensen, Mary Henning, and Jan Dobbertin.

**POA employees:** Joan Glubczynski, Rick Echols, John Urguhart, Judy Griffin, Tammie Loyd, Tom Judson

**POA Board Members:** Ruth Hatcher

**Guests:** none

**Minutes from prior meeting:** No meeting was held in April

### **Amenity Reports:**

**Branchwood** – The trail is in good shape. The recreation facility opened today. Pool is open for lap swimming only. No locker rooms, spa usage or classes at this time. Some Fitness Center equipment has been relocated to give lots of space between stations. Individuals can sign up for one hour of usage and can sign up 7 days in advance. There are no birthday parties being scheduled at this time.

**Loch Lomond Park** – Park looks great with lots of walkers and dogs on leashes. No bathroom access at this time. Baseball is still being played on the field. Tom Judson said bathrooms may be open by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Gun Ranges** –The Rifle and Pistol ranges are open. Trap and Skeet Range: Not at this time. Repairs on the septic system are in progress. Portable toilets are available. Skeet and Trap range may open by the 16th of May.

**Blowing Springs RV Park and Trails** - RV Park and trails are open and the trails are very busy. The RV Park will accept out of state reservations, however, no reservations will be accepted coming from designated “Hot Spots” with COVID-19.

**Tanyard Creek** - Trails have been extremely busy and the volunteers have worked hard to keep the litter picked up. The overflow parking area has been used. Bathrooms are still not open at this time.

**Lake Avalon** - Lots of boaters and swimmers with lots of general use so far. Lake Patrol has been busy checking boat registrations.

**Metfield** - No report on recreation facility. There are lots of Pickleball players out. Some members have been using Pickleball courts for other sports. Joan will have a sign put in place stating the courts are for Pickleball use only.

**London Park**- There are some trees could use some thinning.

**Riordan**-There have been about fifty members a day use the facility since it opened a week ago.

Equipment is divided between the workout room and the main gym area. Tennis is very busy since it

opened up and Jake is teaching again on a small class schedule. They are not sure if/when the leagues will start this year.

### **New Business:**

**Potential New Board Members:** The POA has received two applications for membership to the Rec Committee. We have two openings as of July 2020. Candidate #1 was discussed and approved by the committee. We will now send this individual's name onto the POA board for approval. The committee felt they needed more information on Candidate #2. Both candidates will be asked to the June Rec Committee meeting to introduce themselves. We have also opened the application process if any of our membership would like to join the Rec Committee.

### **Welcome Meet and Greet**

All Meet and Greet meetings are currently on hold due to COVID 19. Debbie Sorenson hopes to hold one in the fall.

### **Staff Reports:**

**Tom Judson** – Using lots of guidance from the State. The POA is following the rules as close as possible for all facilities. The restaurants are at about 30-40% of the normal number of meals with just takeout service available. Members have been very generous with tips. There were 250 pre-made meals sold on Easter. The BV Bar and Grill does not require reservations but Lake Point does. 10 people maximum at any table and all servers will wear masks and gloves. One must wear a mask coming and going into the restaurant. No open bar, but bar service at the tables. 33% maximum occupancy per State of AR rules. The POA has sold 900+ activity cards over 2019 to date.

**Rick Echols** - Next lake drawdown will be Lake Rayburn if necessary. Lots of use on the lakes. Lake rangers will start checking boat registrations starting this weekend. No dog park currently (Potential opening May 28th) and using this time to grow grass in the area that will be opened later. Bella Vista will have only the one dog park when it opens, and they will rotate between small and large dogs again. Hopefully a future budget will allow for a small dog park to be opened at another location. No fish samples until fall for 2020. E-coli samples tested and beach is in great shape. Weed control at Loch Lomond and Avalon.

**John Urguhart** -No non-shooters allowed at the range. 2 shooters at each station only. Benches are getting cleaned every 2-3 hours. Classes are not being held currently. When they start up will be on a small size scale only. Trap and Skeet open this coming weekend.

**Joan Glubczynski**- Lots of usage by walkers and bikers of all ages on the trails. There is a concern about the number of users on the trails including small children that are not wearing helmets. Looking at remedies for this. Metfield Connector phase #1 at Blowing Springs will be open any day now. There has been a restriction placed on the contractors as to the number of hours they can put in on the trails.

There has been more striping done on the parking lot at Papa Mike's that is adjacent to the Kingsdale trailhead. On May 15th 25 more miles of trails will be open.

The RV Park is open but no tent camping allowed at this time. Hopefully this will open soon. Fitness centers are open (except Metfield). They will follow the rules set by the state of AR. The beach and pools will open on Memorial Day with restrictions. The beach area will not have any new sand delivered until right before the opening. The rules of social distancing will be followed and the life guards will be carefully trained within the rules. The plans are as follows: there will be reservations for the beach and pools and there will be 2 1/2 hour time slots for use of the pools and beach. Color coded wrist bands will be used to designate time slots. The biggest concern may be controlling the number of swimmers in and around the pool. Lots of use at the marina and it is doing really well. Three new Pickleball nets are now being used at the Metfield courts. Great success with the YouTube and Facebook exercise classes being held Monday -Thursday at 9:00 AM.

**Judy Griffin** –The Summer magazine is in the final stages of completion. The events calendar has been a challenge as there have been several events cancelled or delayed. The Marketing department has been very busy with making signs for the POA. E-newsletters are a very popular. The open rates for all publications are doing well.

**Ruth Hatcher**- This is Ruth's last meeting with us and thanked everyone on the Committee for their dedication in support of the

**The next regular Recreation Committee meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, June 8th at the Country Club. If we have restrictions still in place, the meeting will be held via ZOOM.**

**Submitted by Debbie Sorensen**

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