

## **POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee**

**June 8, 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, Jackie Gain and Jan Dobbertin.

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

**POA Board Members:** Mary Sinkus, Dave Brandenburg and Teah Bidwell

**Guests:** Scott Dreas and Janet Conboy

**Minutes from prior meeting:** Approved and sent out via email

### **Guests:**

New Board member as of July 1 **Janet Conboy** introduced herself. She is excited to be on the committee and is actively involved in several amenities in Bella Vista. Is especially interested in walking the trails etc. Janet moved here 2 years ago.

**Scott Dreas** introduced himself. He has been in Bella Vista since 2009 and feels it is time to get involved with the committees. He loves to fish and enjoys the lakes. He has a technical background and has been associated with Walmart and other companies.

**Jessica McCrary** was introduced by Joan G as the new Recreation Operations Mgr. Her office will be at Riordan. She was a General Manager of a Little Rock Athletic Club.

### **Amenity Reports:**

**Branchwood** – The trail is in good shape. The workout facility has about 1/2 of the equipment available for use (due to CV 19). Debbie S has been talking with Jessica to see if we might rotate the equipment more often than the current 14 days. They will plan on rotating more often to keep everyone happy. Pool is open for water walking and lap swimming. Reservations are still necessary for both the pool and the workout facility.

**Tiree Park** - Bathrooms still closed and using Port-a-Potties. This is because of the space restriction from CV 19 and only one person uses the Port-a-Potties at one time. All seems to be in order according to Gary G. Ken F is no longer on the committee so Gary G reported on this amenity.

**Gun Ranges** –2020 Plan has been implemented. Restroom is in working order. Trap and Skeet numbers have been down but are coming up. Sod has been added where necessary.

**RV Storage and Lake Ann**- All in order at the RV Storage. Jackie G mentioned that Lake Ann has lots of usage and the paddle boards are really popular this year. There have been a lot of fisher persons on Lake Ann but also there have been some Bow Fishing, which is illegal. Note – She did not know if they

were bow fishing – they were spot lighting at night, but if occurs again, will get their decal # to investigate further.

**Riordan**-Mary reported the grounds are in good shape. Fitness center is busy but mostly in the AM. There is an exercise class at Riordan in the PM led by Corrie. Tennis is very busy. Courts #7-8 will be redone in August.

**Loch Lomond Park** - Jan reported all is in good shape. Sod/grass is doing well at the dog park. The area around the watering station has been landscaped to prevent further muddy areas. Bushes around the bench on the walking path could use a trim. Rick E said this is being addresses and is an ongoing project.

**Blowing Springs RV Park** - Val reported all is in good shape. There is work on the bike trail in the vicinity and they are clearing trees as well.

**Tanyard Creek** - Steve reports the trail and parking area are very busy. Especially with the CV 19 and schools not in session. The group of volunteers who go weekly to pick up the trash on the trail have done a great job.

**Lake Avalon** - Joan G is holding yoga 2 x a week on Monday and Wed. AM at 7:45. Class is doing well and had good interest. Joan reported there were 20+ people at the class today. The POA employees are cleaning all of the grills and the restrooms are open. Again the employees are cleaning these facilities. The dam area is very popular and the lake rangers have been checking on memberships and activity cards. One must be a member to use the lakes and several individuals have been asked to leave since they are not members of the POA. Lots of fishing on Avalon. Algae has been bad this year but is being controlled.

**London Park**- Chris reported there has been lots of use at the fish cleaning station. Since we discussed the popularity of fishing, Judy G and Rick E mentioned a website page that should be used when someone catches a fish and takes a picture.

<https://bellavistapoa.com/thingstodo/lakes/fishing/whats-the-catch/>

**Metfield** Facility is still closed but lots of use of the pickleball courts. Bathrooms have been opened here as well.

#### **New Business:**

Election of Officers for the Recreation Committee next month. Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. We will have one more opening as Ken Fink has resigned from the Committee.

#### **Welcome Meet and Greet**

Due to CV 19 next Welcome Meet and Greet postponed to Sept. 12th at the Country Club.

#### **Staff Reports:**

**Tom Judson** – Restaurants slowly coming back since being closed. Last Friday, the POA board took a tour of all facilities and amenities spending approximately 6 hours doing so. Member Services is extremely busy. We are up to 1200 activity cards for the year and just from June 1-6th we sold 600 cards. A total of 1100 were sold in all of 2019. Boat registration permits are up this year and between June 1-6, 300 were sold.

There has been an issue of the number of guests a dependent can bring to Bella Vista amenities. The POA board is addressing this issue and plans on limiting the number to 5 for any dependent. Adults can bring any number they want.

Member Services works out of very small spaces so they have not been open to the public. They work on the phone and Internet. This has worked out very well. Members can virtually do everything on line including picture ID. The POA is currently working on the idea of an APP for ones phone instead of the activity cards.

Teah B asked about the overflow parking at Tanyard Creek and the driving range. The driving range lot is very large but Tom J said they will consider putting up reserved parking signs for the driving range users.

Mary S discussed the high usage of the lakes and if it is due to the numbers of new homes in Bella Vista? Tom J feels it is due to the CV 19 issue and how members are wanting to get outside more. Mary H asked if the POA has ever considered bike rentals since the bike shops are so busy. There are plenty of shops available and the issue of liability is very high with bike rentals etc. Plus mountain bikes are costly to repair and would take another employee on staff to manage. Mojo's has moved in next to Harps at Town Center. Jackie G mentioned that the City of Bentonville also has bike rentals.

**Rick Echols** - Next lake drawdown will be Lake Rayburn. Plan to start on the 10th. Lots of use of the lakes. We have had a very wet spring producing lots of weeds and brush work. There is a limit of 10 on the Lake Avalon swimming dock. We have seen as many as 75 using this area. The Dog Park had a soft opening on 5/29. Water handle does work now. The muddy area is currently fenced off for now. Rick's department continues to do algae and weed control. There is algae on the beach area that get blown into the beach. There was a 2nd E. coli test done on the 8th. Results will be available soon. We have more boat registrations due to lower fees. There is an uptick in purchasing boats as well in this area.

**John Urguhart** -Trap and Skeet have re-opened. Both are fairly busy. All special events for June were cancelled except the Cancer Challenge, which was rescheduled to August.

**Joan Glubczynski**- This is the 3rd week for pools and beach to be open. People have been respectful of the new rules and there has not been a need for reservations other than at the Branchwood pool. If capacity is reached at different locations, they will have to turn people away. They have had to reeducate people on the use of the activity cards and non-members are being turned away. People are

required to have their activity cards . The rules for CV 19 include 6' social distancing outside and 12' inside.

**Judy Griffin** –No report.

**The next regular Recreation Committee meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, July 13, 2020 at the Country Club. If we have restrictions still in place, the meeting with be held via ZOOM.**

**Submitted by Debbie Sorensen**