

## BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### ZOOM MEETING MINUTES July 8, 2020

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Matt Champagne (Chairman), Kelly Austin, (vice Chairman), Paul Bickford (Secretary), Jason Adams, Gracie Turley, Carol Phillips, Ross Gerner, Arell Wasson

**Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance:** Tammie Loyd, Jerre Barron, Mary Sinkus, Sandy Fosdick

**Management Liaisons in Attendance:** Rick Echols, Trey Anson, John Urquhart

**Guests Present:** None

**Call to Order:** Matt Champagne called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm with eight committee members present

**Additions/deletions to the Agenda: *Austin:*** I'll touch on the status of the Lakes and Parks Inspection team

**Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the June 2020 Lakes JAC meeting were approved as submitted

#### **Management Comments:**

- **Tom Judson**, POA COO
  - With regards to Special Events for 2020: The Board approved changes to policy 3.0.4 which gives the Lake JAC Committee some flexibility to approve "special events". First and foremost, we always want to be sure we are taking good care of our POA membership; however, on occasions a need to approve a Special Event may occur. Ones on the list now are:
    - Kids Fishing Derby
    - KBF (Kayak Bass Fishing) Tournament
  - In support of the spirit of the 2020 plan, the Committee isn't under any obligation to approve any prior Special Event.
  - I'm asking the Committee to discuss and consider approving the above scheduled Special Events
    - **Adams:** There is no KBF tournament planned for this year
    - Lakes JAC approved the Kids Fishing Derby (see discussion below)
  - It's 2021 POA budget planning time; therefore, please have the Committee's recommendations for capital expense items back to the Board by the end of August (See below 2021 Budget Items)
  - Committee's consideration of Ross Gerner's list of "Boating Navigation Rules" (see list below)
    - **Champagne:** I recommend the consideration of the adoption of these rules be placed on the Agenda for the August 2020 meeting
  
- **Rick Echols**, Lakes, Parks and Fisheries
  - In the process of preparing for the Rayburn Lake drawdown.
    - I will meet soon with Charley Holt of the water department who has the expertise on laying the large lake drainage pipes over the Dam
  - Our lakes continue to experience extremely heavy usage

- Registered boats for 2020 is 5455, compared to 4700 for 2019, and 4588 for 2018
    - There are 169 more boats registered now than last year
    - 9683 Photo ID cards have been purchased, and are required to boat on the lakes. This number compares with 7113 for 2019, 7152 for 2018 and ahead of last year by 81
    - Most lake users are “playing nice” and is good to hear
  - A fisheries student who is helping within his specialty, as well as grounds, and other activities. He will be replaced in the Fall
  - Lake Rangers make 688 contacts over the previous month
  - 409 non-member boaters were removed from our lakes in 2019, and as of 6/15/20, 2408 non-member were removed
  - As one can see, we are doing our best to comply with the spirit of the 2020 plan
  - Signage is being added at Lake Ann directing members to not park on the grass
  - Continuing to improve signage at kiosks and boat ramps showing where skiers, tubers, can be pulled
  - Increased number trees falling into the lakes ... some are removed and some are left in the lake for fish habitat
  - Replaced a kayak rack at Pontoon Park with a larger one and London Landing is next
  - Preparing to do more wake boat wave testing later this summer
  - Fishing Derby (children only) will be held at the Metfield pond, and is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>
    - It will follow Arkansas’s mandates resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic
    - This event must be open to the public in order to receive free fish from the State
  - The July 18<sup>th</sup> Kayak Demo Day event has been canceled due to the lack of kayak inventory
  - Avalon Beach E. coli sampling has been good
  - Aquatic week problem on Lakes Avalon and Lohman is now controlled
  - Performing weed control on the Scottsdale and Country Club golf ponds
  - My team is making weekly inspections visits to the Trafalgar and Highlands stump dump to comply with state regulations
  - About to purchase the solar panel for the Granton fish cleaning stations but waiting on the final cost of the other parts
- **Austin:** Can we decide on whether to again drawdown Lake Ann? **Echols:** It’s My opinion we don’t, for the following reasons:
  - Most of the needed work was done during the last lake drawdown
  - During the drawdown, the storage business that operates below the Dam is flooded. I feel it would strain the good working relationship we have with the owner if the lake drawdown flooded his business again so soon
- **Austin:** Sounds like it is best to just continue with the plans to drawdown Rayburn
- **Bickford:** When do you plan to meet with Rayburn residents to inform them and answer questions about this event. **Echols:** I will customize a PowerPoint presentation used with other lake drawdown events, and distribute to it to Rayburn residents. If needed, I will meet with them in a couple of months or so from now
- **Adams:** The Metfield Kids Fishing Derby is open to the public? **Echols:** For one day only, and It must be for us to receive free fish from AR
- **Champagne:** Let’s move to vote on allowing the Kids Fishing Derby. **Wasson:** Are we voting on allowing the derby event or allowing the public to participate? **Champagne:** Based upon the new revised 3.0.4 policy, this Committee can approve an event that

allows public participation. Since the State supplied the fish for the derby fish, it must be opened to the public. **Phillips:** Who is sponsoring the derby? **Echols:** It's a dual sponsorship between us and the State. **Sinkus:** Do we have any idea of the percentage of the kids that fish are from members versus non-member families? **Echols:** I can't prove this, but say between 60 to 75% are member kids that fish in the derby. **Turley:** Is there an easy way to determine if derby participants are from member or non-member families? **Echols:** There is a registration process and we can collect that information.

- There is a special need this year for volunteers to assist with this event. **Gerner and Turley volunteered to help**
- **Champagne:** I would like a motion to sponsor this event: **Bickford:** I make a motion the Lakes JAC approve the Kids Fishing Derby. **Motion passed.**
- **Champagne:** Rick, are there any issues about the proposed "Boating Navigation Rules" by Ross Gerner? **Echols:** They are important safety rules; however, I feel some leniency may be needed in enforcing some depending on the time of year
- **Bickford:** is now a good time to view the spreadsheet Rick distributed just before this meeting? **Echols:** Yes, Grace Turley ask if there is any data available on how the no wake policy is working for us. (see below)
  - In 2019 Lake Rangers apprehended 34 violators they talked to regarding wake violations.
  - This year, 20 violators have been apprehended and the trend seems to be about the same as last. I view this as a positive since lake usage is much greater
- **Bickford:** Very good reporting; however, as lake usage continues to increase, I feel there is a need to report on *frequently* occurring safety violations during the lake's prime usage season (maybe just the top 3 to 5). Consider:
  1. Watercraft navigating to close to swimmers, property, or other boaters
  2. Watercraft producing large wakes near others or property
  3. Those escorted off lake for lack of Photo ID or other reasons
  4. Alcohol Use
  5. General significant unsafe watercraft violations
- **Bickford:** Is this something we could vote on now or does it require more consideration? **Echols:** Since we collect data on a weekly basis, I don't think it would be a big burden to include several more categories. I'll query with my lead Lake Ranger about the most frequent occurring violations
- **Urquhart:** Not shown on the spreadsheet data for this meeting, and just collected, is the fact that Rangers spent double the number of hours on the lakes this June as compared to 2019 i.e., about the same number of violations but much more time on the water watching for safety violations

### **Old Business:**

- Members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 20 hours since the June meeting?
- **Turley:** Back to wake boat wave generation testing, do you need to purchase special equipment for this effort? **Echols:** We purchased video cameras to replace John Urquhart's personal ones that recorded waves produced by Andy Grover's wake boat. **Bickford:** Do you need volunteers to assist with this effort? **Echols:** Yes, and this activity will begin later in July. **Matt, Paul, and Arell volunteered to help**
- **Gerner:** I may have some lessons to learn; however, I don't see the real need to further examine wake boat wave issues.
  - The number of reported wake boat violations are low, yet I continue to hear the complaints about property damage caused by them ... sorry, the complaints

- don't make sense to me. Should we consider making all our lakes "wake free"?
- I live on a lake, and feel that damage to my lake wall, dock etc. due to all causes are my fiscal responsibility to manage and repair.
  - **Champagne:** The primary issues the Committee has deliberated on for the past two or more years are: *Property damages and safety issues that lake front property owners believe are caused by waves produced primarily by recreational watercraft*
    - Hopefully, with the following:
      - improved educational materials and distribution,
      - more and improved signage at kiosks, ramps, and on lakes,
      - buoy placement,
      - additional Lake Ranger personnel enforcing rules, and
      - the recently implemented 200 ft watercraft navigation rule,
    - will reduce lake property owner's complaints about property damage and safety issues
  - **Bickford:** Perhaps now is the time for the Lakes JAC Committee to consider a formal statement that can be permanently referenced on the POA website to inform present and future residence about the view this committee, after 2+ years of time and research, on property damage and safety issues presumably caused by recreational watercraft waves? There is a real need to keep from "kicking these issues down the road or sweeping them under the rug"

This action would allow the Committee to primarily consider, from here on, mostly topics of lake use, safety, care, and operation i.e., no subcommittee needed to spend large amount of time, again, researching the effects of watercraft waves damage to lake front property structures (depends on conclusions of wake boat wave study?)

- Consider for the website statement for ***no-wake lakes and no-wake lake branches***:
  1. The Committee supports the belief that:
    - a. Lake wall and dock damage is primarily caused, over time, by weather events, and poor/improper construction. Implies few if any safety issues (debatable?)
- Consider for a website statement for ***recreational watersport areas on lakes***:
  1. The Committee supports the belief that:
    - a. Lake wall, dock, and other structure damage is primarily caused, over time, by weather events (50% to 70%) – debate these percentages
    - b. Poor/improper structure construction (20%) – debate this percentage
    - c. Recreational Watercraft waves (10%) – debate this percentage
  2. Upon completion of the wake boat wave generation this summer, and 1c. is low, the "property damage" component can be dropped, and the subcommittee on boat size can focus, as recommended, only on lake use safety issues
- **Champagne:** Kelly do you have report from the subcommittee on boat size regulation etc.?
- **Austin:** The subcommittee isn't ready to make a recommendation; however, we are leaning toward a recommendation to limit boat length to 26 ft., and would like feedback from the committee on this suggestion. (see report below)
  - We are presently waiting on Member Services to provide the number of boats Bella Vista member boats that would fall into this category; however, it will take some time to manually produce this information.

- To help justify the 26 ft number, the Coast Guard classifies boats 26 ft and under as “recreational”
  - **Champagne:** In general, I’m in agreement with your recommendation; however, there are at least two member boats larger than 26ft (28 ft), and I’m not sure the best way to grandfather these into the subcommittee’s recommendation.
    - Size recommendation could self-regulate i.e., folks with larger boats seemly wouldn’t even consider using them on our relatively small lakes, and would rather enjoy them on much larger lakes e.g., Beaver
    - My main concern is how we can grandfather over 26 ft boats into the subcommittee recommendation i.e., members with boats larger than 28ft
  - **Austin:** I did run this idea by our legal counsel, Doug McCash, and he made two suggestions:
    - Grandfather all current boats over 26 ft in length for their life on our lakes
    - Set a date that non-compliant boats would no longer be allowed
      - Doug also said, if a member went to the trouble to hire an attorney and go to court, we would probably lose
      - This Subcommittee agreed to choose the “grandfather-in boat clause” as the preferred option which would be less likely to be challenged in court
  - **Wasson:** We also considered setting a maximum boat speed limit. **Echols:** Rick Yorman called me about this idea, and I checked with AFGC (Arkansas Fish & Game Commission) to learn how speed limits can be enforced on our lakes.
    - Bella Vista City must participate and approve an ordinance/recommendation that would provide legality to a POA department recommendation
    - If accomplished, would provide “carte blanche” approval to a recommended boat speed limit which is enforceable by AFGC
  - **Bickford:** To me, it’s reasonable to limit the boat size to 26 ft for our small lakes and the number of boats registered. **Echols:** We can do that by eliminating oversize boats at registration time. Furthermore, no approval is needed by the City or the AFGC
  - **Gerner:** I haven’t heard much about boat speed as a problem. Do we have a concern about boat speed? If we make a new speed rule, how to we manage it? **Echols:** We don’t currently have a way of measuring boat speed. **Urquhart:** The AFGC doesn’t regulate speed on any lake. They do regulate wake violations
  - **Echols:** Even though we don’t or aren’t able to check boat speed, our Rangers can and do, if possible, stop a speeding boat that creates a danger to themselves and others
- **Champagne:** Many thanks for all the work the subcommittee is has and is doing.
  - **Austin:** Hopefully, we will be prepared to make our recommendations at the August meeting.
    - *Please see the POA website video to view more detail comments from meeting participants.*

## **New Business:**

- **Champagne:** Welcome to the new Lakes JAC Committee members, Carol Phillips, Ross Gerner, and Arell Wasson. We appreciate your willingness to devote your time to serve.
  - Need a motion to approve the following Lake JAC Committee positions:
    - Chairman: Matt Champagne
    - Vice Chairman: Ross Gerner
    - Secretary: Paul Bickford
  - **Austin:** I make a motion to accept the above committee members into the respective positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. Motion seconded and passed
- **Champagne:** I sent a list of 2021 Budget items (unchanged from 2020) to everyone to review. Rick, are there capital budget items to which you recommend we give top priority? **Echols:** at least two lake dam roads that seriously need repaving: Brittany and Windsor. **Champagne:** Last year there was a strong need for a truck and patrol boat? **Echols:** We did purchase a “new used” truck; however, several other trucks are aging out. Presently OK on boats.
- **POA Board Member Liaison Comments:**
- **Open Forum:**
  - **Champagne:** Questions from Jill Santoleri:
    - How many soft trail spurs (access points) are planned by the Trailblazers for the Bella Vista lakes? Can POA members get a map of these locations?
      - This question should be directed to the Recreations JAC
    - And what environmental impact studies have been completed to understand what happens with public lake access?
      - **Echols:** To my knowledge, no impact studies have been completed
    - What plans have been made to establish infrastructure for going public? And for all the soft trail spurs? One example, trash pick up?
      - **Champagne:** Public access to Lakes are granted by the Lake JAC on a case by case approval basis
  - **Loyd:** Efforts will continue to return answers to Jill’s questions
- **Lake Announcements and next meeting:**
- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will occur at 2 pm on Wednesday, August 12, 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 3:25pm

Respectively Submitted, Paul Bickford, Secretary

PS. It's easy to view current or past meeting videos:

1. Open the POA website with the above link
  - a. Click on, to the far right, “Member Resources”
  - b. Click on “Governance & Financial Reports”
  - c. Click on “Committees”
  - d. Click on “Lakes Committee”
  - e. Scroll down to the page bottom and select the “year” e.g., 2020
  - f. Click on the meeting video date you would like to review

2. My “hats” off to the POA Information Technology staff that’s created and skillfully maintains an attractive, easy to navigate, informative, and beneficial website. We are lucky that one of the planet’s most technically savvy company’s, down the street, hasn’t hired them away.

### **Suggested Boat Safety Rules**

**Swimming in the vicinity of skiing** – With the recent move to 200 feet from the shoreline, the watercraft towing skiers and tubers are getting compressed into a smaller area. This smaller area gets even smaller when you have watercraft parking in the middle of the lake with swimmers.

Proposed Regulation: On the lakes where wakes are allowed (Ann, Windsor, Loch Lomond), watercraft that stop and have individuals swimming by the watercraft are encouraged to take advantage of the no-wake sections of the lakes. Swimming is strongly discouraged in the section of the lake where water skiing and the towing of individuals is allowed, even when the swimming takes place close to a stopped watercraft. Lake Regulations – following item #8.

**Safe traffic pattern** – While watercraft with skiers and tubers follow a counterclockwise pattern, watercraft for fishing and pontoon do not typically follow this same traffic pattern.

Proposed Regulation: All watercraft are strongly encouraged to follow a counterclockwise rotation when traversing the lakes, whether the watercraft is towing a skier or not. Similar to the rules of the road, watercraft should travel on the righthand side of the lake to avoid a head-on collision. Watercraft Regulations – following item #3.

Alternative: We could allow watercraft to go in the opposite direction, provided they are within 100 feet of the shoreline. The watercraft would be within the no-wake zone.

**Turn left to retrieve a skier** – When a skier or tuber falls, it would be safer if all watercraft turned in the same direction.

When a watercraft is towing a person or persons, the watercraft must turn left when retrieving the person or persons after they have fallen into the water. Lake Regulations – following item #8

**Don’t follow too closely** – Watercraft following too close to a skier or tuber can create a safety hazard.

Watercraft must follow at a safe distance when following a watercraft that is towing a person or persons. Persons being towed can fall unexpectedly. Therefore, observe caution by maintaining a safe distance of at least 150 feet from the watercraft in front of you. Lake Regulations – following item #8, combine with the above new regulation.

## Wake Violations by lake by month

	Lomond	Avalon	Windsor	Ann	Monthly Total
Apr-19	0	0	0	0	0
May-19	10	1	5	0	16
Jun-19	4	0	1	0	5
Jul-19	7	0	2	1	10
Aug-19	1	0	0	0	1
Sep-19	0	0	2	0	2
Oct-19	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>
Apr-20	3	1	0	0	4
May-20	6	0	5	0	11
Jun-20	4	0	1	0	5
Jul-20					
Aug-20					
Sep-20					
Oct-20					
<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>All total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>108</b>



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Points of note:  
 Rangers did not have  
 Lake usage and boat r  
 2019.  
 Steady to slightly decl  
 usage.

## Bella Vista Lakes Joint Advisory Committee – 2020

Updated as of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Subcommittee on Boat limits

**Goal:** to develop rules and regulations to restrict inappropriate boats on Bella Vista Lakes recognizing our most important goal is to provide Safe use of our lakes and to keep damage to shoreline structure to a minimum

Kelly Austin, Rick Yorman and Arell Wasson (joining committee in July 2020)

Discussion -Limitations on Boats to prevent inappropriate, unsafe or unsuitable usage on Bella Vista Lakes

- The past few years have brought a lot of discussion about placing further limits on boat in terms of displacement, usage, and size. Sometime in the past jet ski's were determined to be inappropriate and have not been allowed in Bella Vista in recent history. Bella Vista lakes are small, with four of them no wake. Demographics of POA members have tended to self-regulate away from large and powerful boats.
- Limits to consider
  - Displacement – During discussion on wake boats previously, a limit of 4,00 pounds was discussed as a limit
  - Speed Limits
  - Horsepower – What is too much
  - Length of Boat – how long is too long
  - Class of boat – can we restrict boat by class? (race boats, cigarette boats, etc.)
  - Do we allow float planes to land and take off
- Current BV Boat registration date - 2020 YTD Data

	April 30, 2020			
	# Sold MTD	\$ Amount MTD	YTD Sold	YTD Amount
ANNUAL BOAT REG - UNDER 10HP	7	215.95	28	1,112.63
ANNUAL BOAT REG - UNDER 15' 11	15	1,233.08	80	6,542.08
ANNUAL BOAT REG - 16' TO 19' 11	0	0.00	230	26,843.80
ANNUAL BOAT REG - 20' OR MORE	81	11,109.73	372	52,921.57
ANNUAL BOAT REG - NO MOTOR	494	7,765.28	2063	33,437.40
BOAT REG 16' TO 19'11" (UNDER 18')	74	6,314.76	254	22,047.36
BOAT REG 16' TO 19'11" (18' AND OVER)	60	7,772.38	195	25,321.50
NEW BOAT REG UNDER 10HP ANNUAL	143	1,592.63	331	4,366.09
NEW BOAT REG UNDER 18' ANNUAL	34	1,956.25	62	3,811.70
NEW BOAT REG 18' AND OVER ANNUAL	27	2,542.20	65	6,614.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>40,502.26</b>	<b>3680</b>	<b>183,018.82</b>

Our boat categories & prices changed March 1, 2020.

The top 5 categories are renewals and the bottom 5 categories are watercraft registered for the first time or falling into a new price range.

June 1 meeting - Updates from subcommittee work (Arell)

- Canyon Lake, CA (canyonlakepoa.com) is a similar Community with a Population 11,267 (2018) that has: Golf course, Equestrian Center, tennis, pool, pickle-ball & two restaurants. (Community started in 1968) City incorporated in 1990.
  - Lake 383 acres (Built in 1927)
    - POA controls lake & amenities.
    - Lake activities: boating, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle-boarding, sailing, waterskiing, wakeboarding & windsurfing.
    - All boats & unpowered equipment must be registered.
    - Speed limit defined on lake map: around shore 5 MPH, middle of lake 35 mph.
    - Length regulation: No boats permitted over 21' 6" long. Grandfather clause: any boat registered as of Oct. 7, 2014 that exceeds 21' 6" will be allowed to register boat until sold or removed, provided the boat ownership is not transferred to another person in the community.
    - Use of Wake enhanced devices only allowed in one small are of lake.
    - All Of this information is out of the Rules & Regulations section of the website.
    - They did successfully use a grandfather clause
- Viking Lake Missouri
  - Lake Viking is a Private Lake Community located in NorthWest Missouri that is 630 acres
    - WATERCRAFT SIZE AND MOTOR SIZE:
      - a) Boat & pontoon maximum: 24'
      - b) Motor cannot exceed manufacturer recommendation.
      - c) No prop driven watercraft with two engine power sources will be allowed, except for pontoons or any other using a smaller motor for trolling purposes.
    - Grandfathered boats larger than 24' to current owners
- Water Sports industry Association (WSIA) input
  - Discussed our situation with Larry Meddock, Executive Director of the WSIA. The following notes are from that discussion:
    - The industry, in general, considers recreational boats to be less than 26'
    - The Coast Guard has established rules for boats and based on their length and boats 26' and longer have additional rules
    - Limiting Displacement and/or Horsepower would not be recommended and likely not practical
    - Establishing a rule boats to be less than 26' would allow almost all recreational boat to operate in Bella Vista
    - For sport operators, max speed for ski is 36 mph, max for barefoot ski is 42mph
    - Larry suggested I **reach out to the Arkansas rep for National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)** and talk to the Arkansas rep, Stephanie Weatherington (No response yet)

- Local Boat Marine input

- Bella Vista Marine – Spoke with Mark who owns the store and used to live on Loch Lomond. He recognized the issue and said most of the boats he sells are in the 22' to 25" range. He thought a 26" maximum would be OK. He does know of one boat at the "Lodge" on Lomond is a 30'
- Arrowhead Marine – Spoke with Bryan Simmons - Offered that no one in his business would recommend we limit boat. They sell a variety of boats in Bella Vista and typically sells speed boats and pontoons in the 22' to 25' range.

- Recreational Carrying Capacity of Lakes

- Subcommittee looked at some studies about carrying capacity. Based on studies from Lake Beaver, Indiana Lakes, New York Lake George and standards established by Ohio, Wisconsin and Vermont the recreational carrying capacity for motorboats ranges from 10 to 20 acres (average 15 acres) of usable lake surface for each boat. These standards are based on what is considered safe and not overcrowded. For example: Lake Windsor is 220 total acres. Usable acres = Total acres minus no wake zones & area 200 feet along shoreline.
- Lake Windsor Recommended Boat Density: 220 acres - 70 (estimated unusable acres) divided by 15 acres per boat = 10 motorboats on the lake at one time.
- This isn't something that can be reasonably controlled but is good information to know.

- Legal Implications

- We may consider two methods of rule implementation 1) enact a rule that has an implementation date in the future, or 2) enact a rule that grandfathers' boats above the limit.
- Any new rules should be reasonable and have a rational basis for the rule. Our basis for considering the 26' length limit is based on:
  - The Coast guard distinction of 26' as a change in rules required for boat equipment
  - The Water Sports Industry Association recognition that in general, recreation boats are 26' and less
  - The bigger the boat the bigger the displacement and thus it becomes more destructive to shoreline structure and makes bigger waves.

- **To do list**

- **Reach out to Coast Guard auxiliary**
- **Make Recommendation to Lakes JAC**

## 2021 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. Put up additional signage in strategic locations on all wake lakes reminding users of the rules pertaining to skiing, tubing, and wake boarding etc.
11. Resurface/pave the drives and parking lots at the lake 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
12. 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)



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