

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES March 9, 2022

Committee Members in Attendance: Matt Champagne, Arell Wasson, Paul Bickford

Committee Members in Attendance via Zoom: Committee Chair Ross Gerner, Jason Adams, Kelly Austin

Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance: Jerre Barron, Sandy Fosdick and Corporate Secretary Jessica McCrary

Management Liaisons in Attendance: Tom Judson, and Rick Echols, with Trey Anson, and John Urquhart (via Zoom).

Guests Present: None

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

Additions/deletions to the agenda: None

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the February 2022 Lakes JAC meeting were approved as submitted

New Business:

Management Comments:

- **POA Board Members:** None
- **Tom Judson,** General Manager
 - General news: The Board just approved the complete renovation of Riordan Hall ... a significant \$4.1 million dollar project. Also approved: the construction of new "Member Services Building".
- **Rick Echols,** Lakes, Parks, and Fisheries
 - The Loch Lomond drawn-down valves were closed yesterday 3/8. A small 8" conservation valve remains partially open to allow sufficient water to flow downstream to protect aquatic life.
 - Completed the dredging projects at Granton and Stonykirk.
 - Unable to comply with requests to postpone the closing of the Loch Lomond drawn-down valves. **Wasson:** About how long will it take to refill the lake? **Echols:** With normal weather conditions usually 2 to 3 weeks; however, if we receive a steady 2" rain event, the lake would refill overnight. **Judson:** March '17 a significant rain event occurred the day the valves were closed and Lomond returned to full pool overnight.
 - Contractors are ready to begin work on the Lake Ann sink hole; therefore, we have started the siphon and the lake level has been reduced a little ... the siphon flow will be increased when the work start date is determined.
 - Boat access to lake Ann will be maintained as much as possible during the sink hole repair
 - POA Lake rangers made 683 contacts with one person removed ... 17 by boat with 11 hours on the water. We are looking forward to warmer weather which should motivate people to get out and to begin enjoying lake activities.
 - The Ground Maintenance crew are repairing minor cracks in Loch Lomond's spillway.
 - Contractor company, CEI (the same company working on the Lake Ann sink hole project) has been hired to access and evaluate the spillway for long term improvements and maintenance.

- We placed some wooden and PCV habitat near London Landing 3/2/22 with the help of the BV Fly Tyer club volunteers.



- Collecting Saugeye brood stock for spawning in the golf ponds for, hopefully, the last time as we continue to move forward with the construction, this summer, of two new aquaculture ponds.
 - We are posting the recently approved fish harvest rules for our lakes on all the lake ramp Kiosks, in the POA Newsletter, and the POA website.
 - Submit fishing photos to “What’s the Catch” and will be post them to the POA website ASAP.
- **Champagne: Renewal of the Lake JAC members expiring terms**
 - New Term limits for Matt Champagne, and Kelly Austin have been approved. Jason Adams’s term will expire; therefore, applications are now being received to fill this vacant position.
 - A subcommittee consisting of: Arell Wasson, Paul Bickford, and Kelly Austin was created to review applications to fill the vacant JAC position by June '22.
 - **Trey Anson:** Regardless of when Lomond will return to full pool, the Marina will open April 1st for business. Because of the significant increase in boat rental requests, we now have 6 pontoon boats available for rent. Also, the Marina will open longer hours and open on Monday’s as well from Memorial to Labor Day.

Open Forum: None

Champagne: Other comments or issues to discuss for this meeting? If not meeting adjourned.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned about 2:40pm

To Review the meeting video place cursor here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KY_Sw5wVuK8

Respectively Submitted, Paul Bickford, assisting JAC Secretary Carol Phillips