Bella Vista POA Lakes JAC
Meeting Minutes-December 6, 2023
2:00 pm-Country Club Board Room

Chairman: Matt Champagne
Vice Chairman: Michael Coughlin
Secretary: Carol Phillips

Committee Members: Michael Coughlin, Scott Sborov, Carol Phillips, Ross Gerner, Kelly Austin, Scott Hawes, Rob Montgomery, Kevin Attleson, and Matt Champagne.

POA Board Liaisons: Jerre Barron, Jr., Sandy Fosdick, Jeff Hendren.

Chairman Champagne called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Rick Echols provided an update on the Lake Windsor drawdown. Due to the drawdown, the city of Bella Vista was able to replace the Pontoon Park/Chelsea Road culvert, stabilize the shoulder of the road and resurface the roadway. Rye grass has been planted to stabilize areas of Lake Windsor during the drawdown. Rock removal also has occurred at London Landing. POA Lake patrol and ground maintenance staff continue to perform their duties. The heated dock at Lake Avalon is being repaired. POA lakes fish sampling is completed. A third fish pond is planned in addition to the two recently completed ponds which are being used to raise bluegill and channel catfish for stocking in POA lakes.

Old Business: In lieu of the proposals to change POA Boating Rules and Regulations, the Lakes JAC meeting was well attended by POA members. Chairman Champagne opened the floor for POA member comments concerning proposals to change POA Boating Rules and Regulations.

The following motions were made and submitted to a vote individually.

Proposal #1: To allow motorized kayaks and motorized paddle boards on POA Lakes. Motion passed 7-2.

Proposal #2 contained three separate options which were to be voted upon individually.

Option 1. (Do Not allow motorized Hydrofoils/E-foils or motorized surfboards)

a. Motorized personal watercraft such as, for example, Jet Skis, WaveRunners, Sea-Doos, and other similar types of personal watercraft are prohibited on POA lakes.
b. Motorized personal watercraft such as motorized surfboards, hydrofoils, and other similar types of personal water craft are prohibited on POA Lakes.

*Lakes JAC members Attleson, Austin, Hawes and Phillips voted in favor of option 1, above. Motion failed 5-4.

Option 2. (Allow motorized Hydrofoils/E-foils but do not allow motorized surfboards)

a. Motorized personal watercraft such as, for example, Jet Skis, Wave Runners, Sea-Doos, and motorized surfboards are prohibited on all POA lakes.
b. Motorized Hydrofoils/E-foils and other similar types of watercraft are permitted on all POA lakes, provided the operator does no exceed the 5 miles per hour limit in no wake zones, they wear a Personal Floatation Device, they may not use the wake from another watercraft to jump, and they may not follow closer than 100 feet of another watercraft.

*Lakes JAC members Coughlin, Sborov, Gerner, Montgomery and Champagne Voted in favor of option 2, above. Motion passed 5-4.

Option 3. (Allow both motorized Hydrofoils/E-foils and motorized surfboards)
Due to all committee member votes being used for option 1 or 2, no motion or vote occurred for option 3, below.

a. Motorized personal watercraft such as, for example, Jet Skis, WaveRunners, Sea-Doos, and other similar types of personal watercraft are prohibited on all POA lakes.
b. Motorized Hydrofoils/E-foils, motorized surfboards, and other similar types of personal watercraft are permitted on all POA lakes, provided the operator does not exceed the 5 miles per hour limit in no wake zones, they wear a Personal Floatation Device, they may not use the wake from another watercraft to jumps, and they may not follow closer that 100 feet of another watercraft.

The approved Option 2, will advance to the POA Board of Directors for final approval.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.