Bella Vista POA Lakes JAC
July 10, 2024
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 of Directors Liaisons: Deborah Lukotch, Sandy Fosdick and Jeff Hendren.

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

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Lakes JAC officers were nominated and elected. Officers for the coming year are:
Chairman Matt Champagne, Vice-Chairman Michael Coughlin and Secretary Carol Phillips.

Jeff Retey was welcomed to the Lakes JAC as a new committee member beginning in August. The committee appreciates the contributions of Kelly Austin who is leaving the committee.

Rick Echols, POA Lakes and Fisheries Superintendent, noted that the approved drawdown of Lake Norwood will result in letters being sent to the residents of Lake Norwood. A fairly large dredging project on the upper end of the lake will take place as well as providing the opportunity for lake residents to upgrade, repair or rebuild their dock.
Echols also reported that the monthly Lake Patrol activities included 767 non-POA members removed from our lakes and that summer lake patrol is fully staffed. Lakes maintenance has fertilized Lakes Ann and Norwood. The heated dock rehabilitation project at Lake Avalon is complete.
Grounds maintenance has been conducting fallen tree removal from recent storms.
Lakes Ecology and Fisheries staff have been busy. 2 loads of topsoil are to be added to the aquaculture ponds for hydroseeding purposes. There are 4 aquaculture ponds. Respectively, each pond contains single species populations of the following: bluegill which are to be released in October 2024, red-ear fry, to be released in 2025, channel catfish to be released in March of 2025, and lastly 3,000 striped bass occupy the final pond, and are to be released in November of 2024. Water willow are being spot sprayed if they serve as a hindrance to property owners. Our lake's largemouth bass population assessment should be ready by next month's meeting. In the future, the trout stocking program at Lake Brittany will occur late in the calendar year which

will carry across from the winter into the spring. Grass carp are being removed on Loch Lomond to allow native vegetation to re-establish in coves.

Chairman Champagne called attention to Rick Echols POA Lakes Management Report as featured in the Bella Vista Sporting Update of June 25, 2024. This information is available on the POA website and via email newsletter to POA members who subscribe. Champagne encourages members to view this important information.
Champagne also discussed the annual POA Lakes Capital Budget recommendations list.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm. Next meeting is August 14, 2024.