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POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

April 14, 2025 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order: Chair Robert Williams called the Meeting to Order

Attendance:

Members: Robert Williams, Larry Lopardo, Liz Howie,
Keith McCloskey, Richard Taylor, Brian Mickelson, Alan Atkins

Staff: Tom Judson, Rick Echols, John Urquhart, Jessica McCrary, Trey Anson, Roland Neville

Board Liaisons: Jeff Hendren, Deborah Lukotch
Visitors/Guests: Two Members were present

Current Business:

- **March meeting minutes approved**
- JP Devillers has resigned from the Committee. His work requirements have changed. It is anticipated that a new member will be appointed to the Committee, that person will take over Liz Howie's amenities, and Liz will take over Lake Avalon Park

New Business

- It was reported that we will host the Cancer Challenge Fundraiser in mid-June. Volunteers are needed. This will involve, among other facilities, pickleball courts and the gun range. Interested parties should email Chair Bob Williams for information (rob37432@yahoo.com)
- Docked watercraft that do not have 2025 stickers will be removed in the next few weeks
- The Gun Range will begin selling targets and drinks
- I presented questions from a Member about our trails. Trey Anson responded that the POA has approximately 104-112 miles of trials. Tom Judson responded that the trails are **public** because: (1) that was a condition placed upon them when they were created by Walton family interests; (2) If we barred non-POA Members from the trails, or charged them for use, we would lose the ability to use statutory liability protections, and we would be subjected to lawsuits over injuries on the trails

Board Liaisons

- Jeff Hendren said that a Member has raised concerns over lighting safety issues at Rec tennis courts 7 and 8. Roland Neville said that staff is aware of these issues

Visitors

-*Mary Lideen* spoke. She proposed that ping pong tables be added at the Rec. She noted there appear to be open rooms. She suggested that perhaps a game room could also be added.

-*Jack Bratton* spoke. He suggested that the Metfield pickleball area be expanded. He suggested that ladders or leagues be created. He wanted to know if the POA could provide pickleball instruction

Staff Reports

- Tom Judson reminded all that POA Board elections are upcoming. Written ballot and electronic access will be rolled out beginning this week. If a Member has not received ballots or e-info, they should contact Member Services.
- Rick Echols reported that:
    - the Norwood lake siphon is off
    - The Rangers had 4290 contacts in March.. That is up from the 965 in February, and the 2824 in March 2024.
    - We have two new Rangers, and two being onboarded
    - Brittany is full
    - Lake buoy locations are being checked and fixed where necessary
    - Granton and London dredging will occur this week
    - Any Members catching grass carp should report those catches so that they can enter the raffle
- John Urquhart reported that:
    - Gun Range usage in March was the same as in 2024
    - We hosted a trap and skeet tournament
    - Rifle and pistol are open

- Trey Anson
    - trail usage was up 20% from March 2024. Weekday averages are approaching weekend numbers
    - We are hosting an Enduro Light Race
    - The Trailblazers are contacting all those who agreed to trail maintenance to rejuvenate that volunteers effort

- Roland Neville
    - The Metfield pool is being DE winterized. It has received new treadmills
    - The Rec adult pool is being replastered as needed
    - Last weekend's Spring Bazaar had 68 vendors
    - there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Rec on April 19
    - The Lake Ann restroom plumbing is being repaired, as is the Branchwood fencing

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--the GG toilets need a refresh. Painting on doors and interiors,

Member/Guest Interactions:

I did not speak with any guests.

Additional observations:

None

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There were no members to interact with while I visited. But there was a lot of trash from the recent storm near the shore, so I spent some time picking it up and disposing it.

Additional Observations:

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**amenity: Gun/Archery Range(s)**
**Committee Member: Brian Mickelson**
**Review Month/Year: March 2025**

**Overall Condition:**
The pistol and rifle ranges are in good overall condition. The archery range is closed, awaiting equipment and landscaping. The trap & skeet area is in good overall condition. Other structures are in good condition, except as noted in previous reports or as listed below:

**Areas for Review:**
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Are plans in place for expanding the gun range building to accommodate additional staff and retail sales?

Member Interactions:
I spoke with a gentleman using the pistol range and, overall, he had a positive opinion of the pistol and rifle ranges. He voiced concern about experienced shooters like himself possibly being unnecessarily scrutinized by the Range Safety Officers. I spoke with a gentleman at the rifle range who was there shooting with his young son and visiting parents. He had nothing but praise for the new facilities. I spoke with a woman at the trap & skeet range who was there scoring three youths that belonged to the Ozark Youth Shooting Team. They found the range to be very user friendly and when prompted to suggest any improvements, all that was mentioned was for there to be more available hours for use.

Additional Observations:
There are no additional observations for this report.

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**Amenity: London Park**
**Committee Member: Robert Williams**
**Review Month/Year: March 2025**

**Overall Condition:** Restrooms were locked
Pavilion area looked great
Fish cleaning station was clean
A section of the road is washed out, got stuck

**Areas for Review**: Only 2 kayaks and 1 canoe have 2025 stickers

**Member Interactions:** Two people walking their dogs mentioned the road washout but otherwise all was positive.

**Additional Observations:** None

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Amenity: Kingsdale Complex

Committee Member: Richard Taylor

Review Month/Year, March 2025

Tennis Center

Overall Condition: The facility was in good shape. The clubhouse has been rearranged so that the desk faces the front door, which makes it easier to monitor the room and greet people. Kelly has been making an effort to add more social activities at the club. She is promoting mixed doubles mixers on Friday nights as well as other activities. Courts 3,4,7, and 8 are in need of resurfacing. In addition, the lights are outdated and should be replaced when the budget allows.

Areas for Review: Resurfacing of courts 3,4,7,and 8 and updating of court lights

Member interaction: I spoke with some tennis members, and they all seem to be very happy with the new Tennis Director, Kelli. There were some concerns expressed from members relating to a new 1 ½ hour time limit on USTA matches during the week. The concern is that it is not enough time to complete matches in many cases and leads to some inequity in results at times. For instance, Team A could win the first set 6-4 and be behind 1-4 in the second set when time expires. In this case, Team A would lose the match despite being up 1 set to none.

Rec Center

Overall Condition: Everything was looking great at the Rec Center.

Areas for Review: None

Pools

Overall Condition: Pools are closed for the season. Everything seemed to be in good shape. When I visited the maintenance crew was repairing the slide and touching up paint on fencing.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

Mini Golf

Overall Condition: The Mini Golf course was in good condition.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

Playground and other areas

Overall Condition: The playground looks good.

The Pavillion was in good shape.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

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Committee Member: Keith McCloskey

Review Month/Year: DEC 2024

Dam Park Visited 12/08

Overall Condition: Visited WED after some snow and a couple days of cold weather. Surprised to see erosion on other side of bridge that created an unsafe area closed with warning tape. Curious to know our long-term plan? Areas in great shape around waterfall and bridge. Damn docks all good and trash cans empty and bathrooms good.

Member Interactions - none but saw Lake patrol drive thru

Areas for Review: I believe we will need to paint railing leading to docks soon. If not, we will have rust to contend with.

Launch Area - reviewed 12/08

Overall Condition - Nice to see the donated Christmas trees staged while waiting to be sunk as fish habitat. Pavilion / BBQ areas good. Port-a-let's both clean/stocked. Trash cans good. Ramp & cleaning station well kept.

Areas for Review - just 2 canoes with 23 or later registration. One piece of dock bumper still hanging loose on right side of launch dock. This was noted in November. (see pics)

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Member Interactions - none.

Additional Observations–[I was unable to copy and paste the pictures]

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Amenity: Metfield Park and Clubhouse

Committee Member: Keith McCloskey

Review Month/Year: DEC 2024

Overall Condition: Visited 1/09/25

Picnic / Pickleball Area

Great shape overall. Minimal leaves and grass well kept. Screens on Pball court well kept.

Clubhouse and workout facilities. Both well kept and in fine shape.

Areas for Review: Bathrooms had very full trash and were in need of towels and toilet paper. Trash in picnic area pretty full.

Member Interactions: Long discussion with Melody at front desk. She passed along feedback from members who expressed desire for updated/expanded east side gym and work out facility. Melody said mornings were extremely crowded. She also said equipment is older at Metfield than other areas. She also gets a lot of feedback about overcrowding of Metfield Pickleball courts. One short term and cost free solution is expanding Pickleball times at Riordan.

Additional Observations: Nothing additional
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Areas for Review:

1. **I have attached a picture of the picnic table near the waters edge that is in need of repair/replacement.**

Member Interaction:

A resident was getting his daily walk in and told me that he really appreciated the peaceful space to walk each day.

Additional Observation:

Due to the recent storm there was a lot of trash on the shore so I spent some time picking it up and disposing it.

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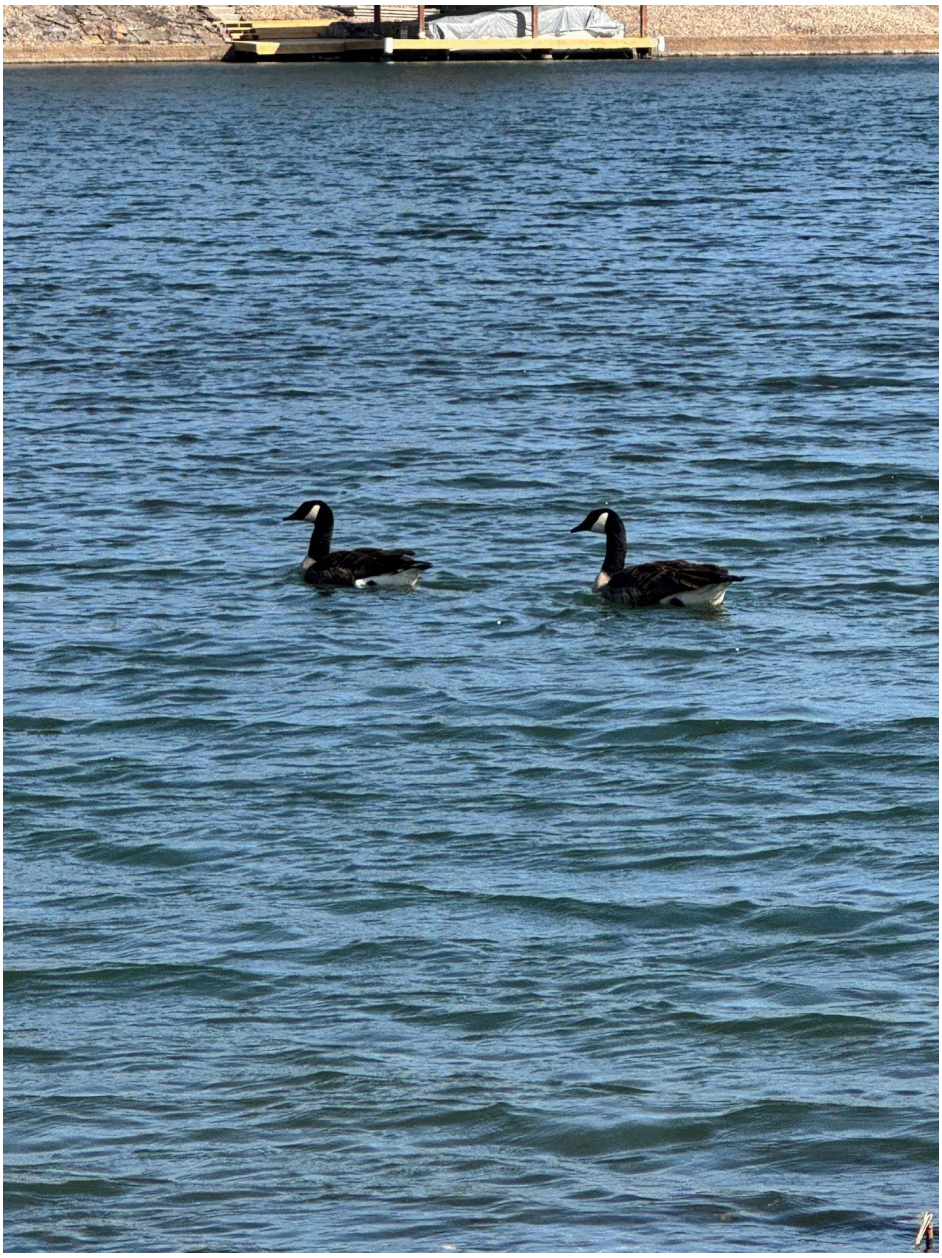

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Blowing Springs Greenway Trail and Bella Vista Trails

Alan Atkins

March 2025

Overall Condition:

Very well maintained.

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Arboretum has 30 new tree plantings.

Areas for Review:

Gravel wash onto BSGT at intersection of Low Ride, and Camper Cabins.

Culvert stopped up next to RV Bath.

Low area next to Gear Garden restroom has standing water and mud on trail.

Bella Vista Trail conditions on the Facebook page.

Lots of trees and debris from recent storms.

Member Interactions:

Everyone interviewed, very complimentary of the trail.

Additional Observations:

Members requested more Poop Stations.