Bella Vista POA Lakes JAC
April 9, 2024
2:00 pm Country Club Board Room

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

Committee Members: Michael Couglin, Scott Sborov, Carol Phillips, Ross Gerner, Scott Hawes, Rob Montgomery, Kevin Attleson, Matt Champagne, Jeff Retey.

POA Board Liaisons: Deborah Lukotch, Sandy Fosdick, Jeff Hendren.

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

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

POA Coo Tom Judson shared that ballots for POA Board member elections will be available soon. Tom also encouraged POA members to learn about the candidates and vote.

Trey Anson, Senior Manager of Trails and Outdoor Recreation stated that the marina is open. POA members are encouraged to fish for and keep the grass carp in our POA lakes. Bring the grass carp carcass to the marina to be entered in the raffle.

Lakes, Fisheries and Parks Superintendent Rick Echols informed the committee that the syphon at Lake Norwood is off and the lake is refilling. Some dredging was performed, gravel beds were created for spawning habitat, and the habitat structures created by the Bella Vista Fly Tyers will be installed. Lake Patrol had 4902 contacts for the previous month. Lake Brittany is back to full pool. Buoy checks are being performed on all lakes. Fisheries and Lakes ecology still has Christmas trees which will be added to Lake Norwood.
60,000 threadfin shad were added to Loch Lomond. Two days later, they began spawning activity. 10,000 bluegill were harvested from an aquaculture pond.

Grass carp raffle information will be available at lake kiosks and at the marina. $100.00 per month will be raffled to those who submit a grass carp to the marina. The drawing will be at the end of each month.
Our POA lakes creel survey is available on the POA website.

Lakes ecologist Chris Fuller presented a detailed report on largemouth bass quality assessment. The presentation provides data on each POA lake and the largemouth bass population contained therein. This informative presentation can be viewed on the POA website.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Next meeting April 14, 2024.