Lakes JAC — Meeting Minutes

Date: April 8, 2026

Location: Board Room

Chairman: Matt Champagne

Vice Chairman: Kevin Attleson

Secretary: Jeff Retey

Committee Members: Michael Coughlin, Brett Arabie, Carol Phillips, Steve Killian, Scott Hawes, Jeff Retey, Rob Montgomery, Kevin Attleson, Matt Champagne.

Meeting Starts

Matt Champagne called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.; agenda adopted with no additions.

Prior minutes: Approved (motion/second; carried).

Board Member Comments

Tom noted Board of Directors election ballots will be distributed soon. Email ballots are staggered; paper ballots will arrive via mail. Members are encouraged to vote.

Staff Reports

Lake Management – Rick

Loch Lomond drawdown/refill: Valves closed March 2. Lake ~24 inches low; ramps accessible with caution near Tyree.

Lake Ranger contacts (March): 3,054 contacts; 66 by boat; 46.5 hours on water; 250 non-members removed. New tracking shows 874 anglers vs. 867 recreational users.

Point-of-sale system: Connectivity issues remain; staff trained.

Kayak racks: 22 new spaces added (fully leased); up to 50 more planned.

Lake Anne kayak launch: Materials being ordered.

Staffing: 4 summer ranger positions; 1 filled.

Fisheries: Population studies underway at Rayburn and Loch Lomond. Rayburn fish larger; Lomond fish smaller but healthier. Spring electrofishing begins next week.

Grass carp: Trap active; raffle resumes end of April through October.

Volunteer: Secchi disk volunteer needed for Lake Avalon.

Public / Committee Discussion

Fishing Derby (Metfield Pond): May 9, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; ages 3–15; bring bait/tackle.

Aquatic vegetation: Treatment provided on request; vegetation retained for habitat and erosion control.

Lake fertilization: Planned early May.

Beaver control: Managed as needed; POA involvement recommended.

Marina / Operations – Trey

Fuel unavailable until lake reaches full pool.

Boat rentals suspended until lake levels come up.

Kayaks available upon request.

Committee Business

Terms expiring: Kevin Attleson, Rob Montgomery, Scott Hawes.

Attleson and Hawes seeking reappointment; Montgomery stepping down.

One vacancy upcoming.

Vote: Scott Hawes and Kevin Attleson approved for another term.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.