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

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

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

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

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

Previous meeting minutes approved.

Bella Vista POA CEO Tom Judson expressed appreciation to the Bella Vista Fly Tyers for their continued support of Bella Vista POA Lakes.

Fisheries and Lakes Superintendent Rick Echols reminds the membership of the drawdown of Lake Norwood beginning November 4, 2024 and will conclude on March 3, 2025. Dredging will be done as well as adding fish habitat to the lake. The mooring of work barges is improving with compliance of construction workers using mooring locations.
Rick also shared that POA fertilization efforts are completed for the year. The POA Lakes barge has been improved and is getting caught up. The interior area of the Avalon heated dock has been waterproofed. The sea dock at the marina has been repaired with electricity restored.
The POA Fish Ecology Department has been conducting lake and stream sampling. Beneficial aquatic vegetation has been harvested from creeks for input in our lakes in the spring of 2025. Grass carp removal efforts continue. Rainbow trout should be stocked in Lake Brittany in early November. Fall sampling of largemouth bass begins next week on all POA lakes. There is a proposal to stock 8 loads of threadfin shad on Loch Lomond in the spring of 2025, depending on budget approval.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.
Next meeting is December 4, 2024.