Bella Vista Lakes JAC Agenda
Wednesday, Feb 11, 2026
Country Club Boardroom and Zoom Meeting – 2:00 PM

Chairman: Matt Champagne
Vice Chairman: Kevin Attleson
Secretary: Jeff Retey

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

POA Board Liaisons: Sandy Fosdick, David Brandenburg, and Bob Brooks

Call to Order:

Additions/Deletions to the agenda:

Approval of previous minutes:

Board Members/comments:

Management Comments: Tom Judson, Rick Echols, John Urquhart, Trey Anson (Marina manager)

Old Business:

- Updates on Lake aquatic improvement initiatives: aquatic vegetation growth plan/fencing off shallow coves to allow vegetative growth/removal of grass carp/stocking of threadfin shad/others
- Loch Lomond drawdown progress update

New Business:

- Vote on all non POA member charitable events/activities – Kayak demo day and Kids Fishing Derby
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Open Forum: Each guest will be limited to 3 minutes. During Zoom meetings, comments and concerns submitted will be read.

Announcements:
Adjournment:

BELLA VISTA
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

February 3, 2026

Lakes Committee Members,

Loch Lomond was stocked with grass carp in 2019 and 2020 totaling 5,550 to help eradicate the invasive aquatic plant parrot feather before it could spread to the 6 other Bella Vista Lakes. Within about 2 years, the carp had done their job. Now it is time to remove the grass carp and reestablish submerged native vegetation which was also impacted by the carp. The grass carp we use are sterile. Some have already succumbed to natural mortality. Others could live for up to 10 more years. We have been working to remove carp from Loch Lomond for more than a year by various means to speed up this process. We will continue with those tried-and-true methods which have taken more than 100 to date.

This year, we intend to install a trap at the end of the Tiree cove (see map) and leave it in place for the duration of 2026. While the lake is down, we can be sure to secure the fence tight to the bottom of the lake so the carp cannot push under it. We have already planted rye which will attract carp when it is blooded as the lake rises this spring. We will also bait carp with hay when the water rises. This will impact two lakefront properties and reduce the accessible lake size by one half acre. I have the blessing of one of the property owners that will be affected. Bass anglers do like to fish this area, but we believe that the opportunity to remove large numbers of grass carp is important. Reducing carp numbers will allow native vegetation to return which will provide nursery habitat for prey species and foraging opportunities for bass. The overall goal is to improve the quality of bass fishing on Loch Lomond. We in Lakes Ecology would appreciate your affirmation in this endeavor by signing the sheet in support of our efforts.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 479-855-5068. We appreciate your support!

Thank you,

Richard F. Echols
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I am in favor of the Tiree grass carp trap for 2026

Name	POA Member	Organization

Tiree Grass Carp Trap