Bella Vista POA Lakes JAC

July 9, 2025
2:00 PM
Country Club Board Room

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

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

POA Board Liaison: Sandy Fosdick (attending remotely)

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1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM.
- Welcomed new committee members Steve Killian and Brett Arabie.
- No additions to the agenda.
- Previous meeting minutes approved unanimously.

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2. Orientation & Training (Tom Judson)

- Annual July orientation provided for new and returning members.
- Covered mission of JACs, role of board liaisons and staff, open meeting requirements, subcommittees, public access to materials, respectful engagement, budget recommendations due by Aug 30, and committee scope of influence.
- Emphasized advisory (not directive) role of the committee.

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3. Officer Elections

- Secretary: Jeff Retey (nominated and approved unanimously)
- Vice Chairperson: Kevin Attleson (approved to switch roles with Michael Coughlin)
- Chairperson: Matt Champagne (renominated and approved unanimously)

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4. Operations Report (Rick Echols)

- Lake Rangers made over 10,000 contacts again in June.
- Fireworks display on Lake Lomond executed successfully.
- Fertilization: Norwood and Anne completed; Lomond pending.

- Wet dredging conducted at Granton, Stoneykirk, and London Landing.
- 45 grass carp harvested through monthly raffle; the latest winner was Caden Price.
- Bowfishing remains the most effective carp removal method.
- Loch Lomond drawdown: Nov 3, 2025, to Mar 2, 2026. Six-foot drawdown at 2 inches/day.
- Boat storage flexibility during drawdown addressed: ACC will permit temporary driveway storage if applied by residents.
- Creel survey: 49 surveys submitted by 37 anglers so far.
- Discussion of July 4th parade on Windsor: high congestion and safety concerns raised, noted lack of visible ranger presence.
- Clarified boat regulations, storage, and vegetation control efforts.

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5. Budget Recommendations Review

- Committee reviewed 2024 capital budget items:
    - Lake Anne spillway repair: **Still pending**
    - Repave Lake Windsor road: **Still pending** (patching completed)
    - Move Avalon kiosk closer to dock: **Not done**
    - Maintain mineral enhancements and ranger presence: **Ongoing**
    - Wake and ski boundaries: **No new concerns**
    - Trout stocking at Lake Brittany: **Continuing**
    - Fish stocking: **Ongoing**, currently focused on bluegill
    - Summer internship: **Completed**, not a priority for 2026
    - Park & facility maintenance: **Ongoing**; emphasized use of composite materials for new docks
    - Covered slips at Lomond Marina: **Not financially feasible currently**
    - Kayak racks at Lake Rayburn: **Not installed**, suggestions welcome
- Members encouraged to gather community input and propose new priorities by August meeting.

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6. Grass Carp Tournament Update (Max)

- Event set for **Saturday, October 11, 2025**.
- Scope reduced to three lakes: **Lomond, Windsor, and Anne**, based on stocking history and aging carp populations.
- Posters and promotion underway with marketing.
- One registration so far; outreach efforts will increase as date nears.
- Format and methods open to all legal means (bowfishing, hook and line, etc.).

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7. Public Comments & Follow-ups

- Concerns raised about gamefish limits and enforcement.
- Discussion of fishing regulations, stocking costs, and resource allocation.
- Stocking and cost history since 2007 available on POA website.
- Fertilization's role in ecosystem health emphasized.
- Committee reminded to focus on improving the overall **member experience**, not granular technical directives.

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8. Open Forum

- No new issues or announcements.
- Trey commended the community for positive conduct during July 4th events.

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9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Next Meeting: Second Wednesday in August, 2:00 PM, Country Club Board Room.