Lakes JAC — Meeting Minutes

Date: July 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, Kelly Austin, Kevin Attleson, Matt Champagne.

Meeting Starts

Matt Champagne called the meeting to order.

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

Board Member Comments

No substantive Board member comments were presented.

Committee Training

Annual JAC training – Tom

JAC purpose / authority: Tom reviewed the annual committee training, noting that JACs discuss, analyze, and propose solutions within their area of concern and make recommendations to management or the Board. Committee recommendations are advisory, and committees do not have independent authority.

Structure / roles: JACs report to the Board of Directors. Board liaisons serve as the conduit between the Board and committees. Management representatives attend meetings to support discussion, track requested tasks, and provide operational context.

Meetings / member input: Meetings are open, livestreamed, and recorded. Members may attend and speak during open forum, generally subject to a three-minute limit. Any handouts or materials shared during a meeting are available to the membership.

Operating expectations: Tom encouraged meetings to stay near one hour, committees to remain within their area of concern, and members to be respectful of staff time. Staff are not required to compile special reports unless approved by management or the Board.

Budget / subcommittees / member experience: JACs are encouraged to submit prioritized budget recommendations by July 30. Subcommittees may be used for special projects. Committees were asked to view amenities from the member perspective and focus on practical improvements to the member experience.

Committee Business

Officer elections: The committee approved Kevin Attleson as Vice Chairman and Jeff Retey as Secretary. Matt Champagne continued as Chairman.

Committee appointment: Matt welcomed Kelly Austin back to the Lakes Committee.

Staff Reports

Lake Management – Rick

Buoy placement review: Rick reviewed GPS-based current and historical buoy placements for Loch Lomond, Lake Windsor, and Lake Ann, including lake widths, depths, and adjacent properties for future reference.

Lake-specific buoy items: Granton buoys are now in the historical/current location based on satellite imagery; the farther-out spring placement was identified as a mistake. Lake Windsor placements were reviewed at Pontoon Park, London Landing, Goose Island Cove, and nearby areas. On Lake Ann, staff identified one launch-ramp buoy as confusing and recommended removing it.

Buoy motions: The committee approved maintaining Lake Ann buoy locations while removing the confusing launch-ramp buoy. The committee also approved keeping Loch Lomond buoys in their historical/current locations and maintaining current Lake Windsor buoy locations.

Native vegetation / facilities: Native Naiad has begun returning in Stony Kirk Cove. Northern milfoil remains in quarantine before possible placement in caged habitat areas. Staff also began building portable-restroom screening structures at Granton, Lake Brittany, and Lake Norwood.

Lake Ann drawdown: The drawdown remains scheduled for November 2, 2026, through March 1, 2027, at about three inches per day to a total of six feet, subject to rainfall. Planned work includes resurfacing the courtesy dock and cutting more aggressive grooves into the ramp.

Lake Ranger contacts (June): 6,371 total contacts; 416 by boat; 114.5 lake hours; 2,687 anglers; 3,289 other recreational users; and 395 non-members removed.

Operations / dams / staffing: Rangers continue to have point-of-sale connectivity issues. Grounds maintenance began 30 additional kayak spaces at Tyrie, bringing the yearly total to 82, and kayak launch materials have been received. Dams are being mowed for the second time this season. Staff are working with Olsson and Associates on dam-permit background work and cost estimates. The September 29 dam safety workshop remains scheduled at the city police station complex, and all current positions are filled.

Water quality / fisheries / carp: Lake and stream E. coli samples have been good, spring electrofishing data is being analyzed, and a Secchi disk volunteer is still needed for Lake Avalon. The carp trap has not caught fish yet; staff will continue monitoring and testing bait. Mike Colgrove won the April, May, and June carp raffles, and members suggested recognizing him with a certificate. Members also discussed engineering costs, the broken marina kayak launch, fertilization thresholds, Fourth of July operations, trash receptacles, the Rayburn drawdown schedule, and continued grass-carp removal.

Capital Budget / Priorities

Lab equipment: The committee discussed moving fisheries lab equipment to the top of the capital list, including a deionization system and an auto analyzer. The current deionization system is about 10 years old, leaks, and may become difficult to maintain. The auto analyzer would reduce staff time, waste, and disposal costs while making monthly water testing more efficient.

Ongoing priorities: The committee continued to prioritize nutrient enhancement, intensified grass carp removal, and native aquatic vegetation reestablishment. Additional carp-removal funding was discussed as a possible recommendation for next year.

Signage: Staff are compiling locations for larger, clearer private-lake signage and are waiting on a Marketing mockup for committee review next month.

Public / Committee Discussion

No public comments were offered during the open forum.

Adjournment

Next meeting: August 12, 2026.

Meeting adjourned.