LAKES COMMITTEE
March 9, 2016

Meeting Summary

- All of the Village lakes except Segovia have been mowed or burned.
- The mechanical dredging is complete and the floating dredge should be here in late March.
- The signs for the boat launching ramps should be installed soon.
- The electro-shock boat is being built and will hopefully be completed by April 1st.
- The lake use fee collection boxes are in use and money is being collected.
- A lake ranger program is being developed for enforcement purposes.
- An audit of required boat stickers will be done this spring.
- The committee is discussing the development of a webpage similar to the one developed by the GAC.
- The Baitcaster Club and Anglers’ Club are interested in coordinating work with the POA to improve fishing in the Village.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Charles Hartmann.

Members in Attendance: Charles Hartmann, Chairman; George Maxey, Peter Trabant, Rob Bowers, Bob Trowbridge, and Len Dombrowski by conference call.

Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance: John Weidert, POA Board Representative; Jason Temple, Katy Harmon, and Brad Meredith, Public Works; Jeff Meek, HSV Voice; Bob Cunningham, PWC; Kurtis Sutley, HSV Anglers; Leonard Binstock, Baitcasters; Maxine Klein, John Garison, Curtis Achenbach, Jim Lipe, Lloyd Barber, Warren Hartshorn, David Childs, John Bowers, Bob Baker, Jim Betts, and Jeff Griffin, guests.

Approval of Minutes: Charles Hartmann asked for approval of the February 10, 2016 minutes. They were unanimously approved by the committee.

Board Liaison Comments: John Weidert reported on activities from the February 17th Board meeting.

POA Staff Reports:
- Brad Meredith reported on the following:
Dam Maintenance Update – All of the Village lakes except Segovia have been mowed or burned. The burning was successful where there was enough debris to fuel it, but a lot of the grass was already green and would not burn. The contractor said the best time to burn is in the fall after a frost.

Lake Cortez Dredging – The mechanical dredging is complete. The plan is to have the floating dredge here during late March. Material will be deposited in bags and left on the shoreline until dried. The material will then be spread out on the ground and grass planted on it.

Status of Lake Signage – The signs are in and we are working with Building & Grounds to get frames built.

Status of Electro-Shock Boat – The building of the boat is progressing as planned. It will hopefully be completed by the first of April. This boat will be used throughout the year for multiple purposes.

American Fisheries Society Convention - Brad and Katy attended the AFS convention in Heber Springs. They attended a discussion on a slot limits study which showed that if anglers don’t harvest fish, slot limits have no impact on improving the fishery. He also discovered the possibility of getting threadfin shad from Alabama to boost forage numbers in our lakes.

Feedback on Phosphorous Testing – He talked with a USGS representative about borrowing sampling equipment. He found out that very few labs do phosphorous testing.

Lakes Office – The office and lab facility at Coronado Fire Station is almost complete and they should be able to move in by the end of the month.

Collection Boxes – The lake use fee boxes have payment envelopes in them and are being used. There was approximately $100 collected in the first ten days.

Waypoint is sponsoring a fishing derby on July 2nd at Cortez Pavilion. Brad applied for a permit with AG&F to supply catfish for the children’s derby.

Jason Temple reported on the following:

- The POA is in the process of developing a lake ranger program. All enforcement must be handled by POA employees, which in the beginning will be the lake managers. An audit of required boat stickers will also be done this spring.
- If residents see a problem at a lake they should call the public works office and provide as much information as they can, such as license plate numbers and vehicle description. Public works will then contact Brad and Katy to look into the problem.

Chairman’s Remarks: Charles Hartmann reported on the following:

- He turned in the annual report of the committee’s accomplishments.
- There are two committee member positions open. Eight applicants were interviewed and two will be selected to be approved by the Board at their April meeting.
Committee Member Reports & Comments:
- Lake Needs Assessment – Rob Bowers reported on updates. Jason stated that all docks are being assessed for handholds.
- Lake Measurements – Charlie reported that data collected from volunteers will be reported on a spreadsheet so everyone will have access to it.

Old Business:
- Updating Lake Policy & Regulations – Jason sent the newest changes to everyone and wants input from committee members.
- Buoy Policy Update – The sub-committee has not had a meeting yet. Jason stated that we need the standard criteria in writing to use as guidelines for all lakes.

New Business:
- Fee Structure – John Weidert stated that all fees must be approved by the Board. Jason said the recent changes will all be included in the policy that will be presented to the Board in April.
- Lakes Website – The committee has been discussing having a website for lakes, but has been delayed by the POA. Charlie received permission from the POA to pursue development of a website similar to the one the GAC has developed. Suggested items for the lakes page are: All About Water, Five-Year Plan, lake needs assessment, lake measurements, water quality measurements, budget archives, fish census, alum research, committee charter, etc.
- Coordination between Fishing Clubs and the POA - Leonard Binstock from the Baitcaster Club and Kurtis Sutley of the Anglers’ Club were both present to talk about efforts to coordinate their work. They noted the real need for more fish habitat in the lakes, and stated their clubs were willing to work together to improve fishing. A task force will be created, led by the lake managers, consisting of fishing club members and lakes committee members to coordinate projects. Bob Trowbridge volunteered to join the task force, and Charlie wants to make this topic a monthly item for the committee.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held April 13th at 9:00 a.m. at Coronado Center.