**LAKES COMMITTEE**  
*April 8, 2015*

**Meeting Summary**

- The lake crew is in Bella Vista assisting that department with fish shocking efforts. We will then borrow Bella Vista’s shocking boat to use on HSV lakes.
- Dredging work is finished on both lakes, but budget money ran out before Lake DeSoto could be completed.
- Evaluation for dredging plans for this coming fall on Lake Cortez will begin this summer. Dredging only one lake per year was discussed, which would result in a more complete job of silt removal.
- The Village Anglers’ Club has done work on the Balboa docks, and a request has been made for better handrails.
- The algae infestation on Lake Coronado was discussed, and it was suggested that grass carp may alleviate the problem.
- Officers were elected for next year and sub-committee leaders were chosen.

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Peter Trabant.

**Approval of Minutes:** Peter Trabant asked for approval of the March 11, 2015 minutes. They were unanimously approved by the committee.

**Members in Attendance:** Peter Trabant, Chairman; Charles Hartmann, Bob Trowbridge, Rob Bowers, George Maxey, and Don Petersen.

**Members Absent:** Len Dombrowski

**Others in Attendance:** Harv Shelton, Board Liaison; Jason Temple, Public Works; George Bollier, GAC; Jeff Meek, Village Voice; Don Langston, Ex-Officio; Maxine Klein, Joanne Pegler, Bob Cunningham, and Allen Leth, guests.

**Board Liaison Comments:** Harv Shelton reported on activities from the March 18th Board meeting and the April 1st Board work session.

**POA Staff Report:**

- Jason Temple reported on the following:
  - Brad and Katy are in Bella Vista helping that lake department with fish shocking efforts. Once finished, they will be borrowing Bella Vista’s shocking boat to use here on HSV lakes. They will also be working on
finishing the necessary certification through the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission to do the shocking.

✓ Dredging is complete at Lake Pineda and the parking lot area will soon be cleared of material. The lake’s inflow area has been lined with rocks to help with erosion, the dock had the Styrofoam removed, and the boat ramp has been extended.

✓ A lot of sediment was removed at Lake DeSoto, but much remains since work was stopped due to reaching the budgeted dollar amount for this project. It was stressed by the committee that dredging needs to be a top priority for the next budget cycle so that lake residents have adequate depth in their coves.

✓ Costs for a floating dredging machine are very expensive. This would allow work to be done at times other than a drawdown. Jason hopes the Village may be able to purchase their own dredging machine in the future.

✓ Katy sustained a severe finger injury while moving lake debris from Lake DeSoto. She lost the tip of her index finger in the accident. The necessary OSHA reports were filed and staff is examining ways to make lake cleanup work safer.

✓ Lock boxes and new lake signage are still being discussed and staff will proceed as soon as the logistics are worked out.

**Chairman’s Remarks:**

- Peter Trabant reported that his first article submitted to the Voice was printed, and he wants to make regular submissions consisting of smaller articles. Anything submitted will be printed on a space available basis.

**Committee Member Reports & Comments:**

- Five-Year Plan Update – Charles Hartmann put together a time-line of budget meetings to coincide with the POA’s budget process.

- Dredging Update for 2016 – Jason will begin the evaluation process this summer for dredging of Lake Cortez scheduled for this fall. He may look into digital mapping of the lake to better locate the most problematic areas. The idea was again brought up to dredge one lake per year instead of two, especially when it comes time to do Lake Balboa. Doing only one lake per year would result in a more complete job of silt removal. Selling the nutrient-filled material removed from lakes was also discussed.

- Lake Needs Assessment – The following needs were discussed:
  
  ✓ Peter Trabant mentioned that work is needed at the Lake Balboa docks. Don Langston reported that the Village Anglers’ Club is providing bumpers, rub rails and labor for the Balboa docks, but will need the POA’s boat to complete the job. A request has been made for handrails on docks to assist the handicapped and elderly.

  ✓ There is an algae infestation on Lake Coronado growing out to a depth of approximately 15 feet along the lake bottom. Don Langston suggested
grass carp be placed in the lake to help alleviate the problem. This type of algae growth is also appearing in Lakes Cortez and Balboa on a much smaller scale.

Old Business:
- Update of Shoreliners Lists – Committee members continue to work on this project.
- Review of “All About Water” Document – Rob Bowers has completed his update and will have Brad Meredith look it over for changes and additions.

New Business:
- Safety Committee Report – The fire department has purchased a boat and are taking lake safety training classes. They are very supportive of lake safety. Bob Trowbridge suggested a liaison from the Lakes Committee to attend meetings on a regular basis, and Bob volunteered to continue attending. This is a new committee and needs time to get organized.
- Budget Meeting – The next meeting will be on April 14th.
- Letter from Allen Leth on Lake Cortez – Mr. Leth was in attendance. He distributed pictures and discussed problems of boat access in his cove on Lake Cortez near Good Sam. Basically no dredging has been done here in 10 years due to lack of access to this area.

Meeting Adjournment: The regular committee meeting was adjourned.

Executive Session for Election of Officers:
- Jason Temple called the meeting to order for election of officers.
  - A motion was made to nominate Charles Hartmann for Chairman. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the committee.
  - A motion was made to nominate Rob Bowers for Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the committee.
  - A motion was made to nominate Len Dombrowski for Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the committee.
- The following sub-committee leaders were also chosen:
  - Safety - Bob Trowbridge
  - Recreation – Don Langston
  - Drawdown Management – Peter Trabant
  - Data Compilation – George Maxey
  - Lake Needs – Rob Bowers
  - Website/Communication Development – Don Petersen
  - Budget Planning – Charles Hartmann, Len Dombrowski, Don Petersen
- The executive session was adjourned.

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