LAKES COMMITTEE
August 12, 2015

Meeting Summary

- Lock boxes for lake access fees are built but the accompanying signage is still not finalized. We will go ahead and install the boxes and add the signage later.
- A boat sticker survey was done on Lake Granada. Of the 39 boats on the lake, 17 owners had not purchased boat stickers.
- After a meeting with law enforcement it was learned that they can enforce county and state laws, but cannot enforce POA policy.
- The committee is investigating formation of a “Lake Ranger” program.
- Lakes Isabella and Sophia were treated for blue-green algae.
- Brad is working closely with the golf department to monitor water pumped from golf course ponds into Village lakes.
- The Anglers Club has been repairing boat docks with materials supplied by the POA.
- The Lake Cortez drawdown which is scheduled to begin in October was discussed, and the floating dredger for Lake DeSoto will be here this winter.
- Public access to Lake Segovia was discussed with the recommendation to improve the road and build a ramp and boat dock.
- The 2016 Lake Management Plan was accepted by the committee.

Meeting Minutes

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

Safety Briefing: Charles Hartmann conducted a safety briefing, asking for volunteers for specific safety assignments.

Members in Attendance: Charles Hartmann, Chairman; Bob Trowbridge, George Maxey, Don Petersen, and Len Dombrowski.

Members Absent: Peter Trabant and Rob Bowers

Others in Attendance: John Weidert, Board Liaison; Billy Graves, Brad Meredith, and Katy Harmon, Public Works; Don Langston, Ex-Officio; Jeff Meek, Village Voice; Bob Cunningham, Public Works Committee; George Bollier, GAC; Bruce Caverly, Common Property Committee; Mike Peter, Kenny Goeden, Gerald Gordy, Larry & Edna Mesch, Earl Priestaf, Gary Hall, Joanne Pegler, and David Feldpausch.
Approval of Minutes: Charles Hartmann asked for approval of the July 8, 2015 minutes. They were unanimously approved by the committee.

Board Liaison Comments: John Weidert reported on activities from the July 15th Board meeting.

POA Staff Reports:
- Brad Meredith reported on the following:
  - The launch ramp lockboxes have been built, but the accompanying signage is still not finalized. He will go ahead and install the boxes and add the signage later. He is waiting for approval for the fee envelopes before he orders them.
  - Village lakes are low but quality remains good during the latest stretch of hot weather except for Isabella and Sophia (see below).
  - Twelve secchi disks have been ordered and should arrive soon. These disks measure the clarity of the water.
  - They did a boat sticker survey on Lake Granada and found 39 boats in the lake. Only 13 boats had a visible sticker, but more investigation found that 9 other residents had purchased a sticker but failed to put it on their boat.
  - Staff met with the police concerning enforcement and learned that law enforcement can enforce any county or state law, but cannot enforce a POA policy. Lake speed limits, boat stickers, buoy placement are all considered policy and is the responsibility of the POA.
  - The Lake Balboa beach host program seems to be very successful, and it was suggested that perhaps a similar program could be put in place for lakes. Jason is gathering information on the “Lake Ranger” program at Bella Vista where four people work to monitor lake usage.
  - It was reported that Arkansas Game & Fish is making an effort to patrol the larger Village lakes three days a week.
  - Lakes Isabella and Sophia were treated for blue-green algae.
  - The golf course was pumping water from Magellan pond into Lake Isabella and Brad asked them to flush water from the pond first because it was nasty. He would also suggest that they not pull Isabella down so far next year. The golf course has been very cooperative.
  - The Anglers Club has been repairing boat docks with materials supplied by the POA.
  - A 40 pound striper was picked up on Lake DeSoto. This fish was apparently brought in from a larger lake, and the water in Village lakes is not deep enough for them to survive.

Guest Comments:
- David Feldpausch asked for the committee to provide something to hold on to at launch ramps to aid those who need help getting in and out of a boat by
themselves. He requested this over a year ago and nothing has been done. Billy Graves said he would see that this was accomplished.

- Another guest spoke about an area near Lake Coronado where previously dredged material has been piled up and is now running back into the lake when it rains.
- Earl Priestaf asked for buoys to be placed in the narrow area of the lake near his residence to slow boats down.
- Larry Mesch stated that he spent $3,000 in seawall repairs and wants a sign that says there is no wake within 100 feet of shore. Billy stated that all the signage is being redone and we are trying to get lake rangers. Mr. Mesch also had a photo of an anchored boat and swimmers in the middle of the lake. Brad stated that there are signs posted that swimming is only allowed within 100 feet of the shoreline.

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

- The committee has been asked to start doing their own minutes. It has been agreed that when the Secretary is elected next April they will start doing the minutes.
- He welcomes visitors and their comments, and most of these issues are being addressed in the 5-Year Plan.
- In response to the letter in the paper concerning fish cleaning stations, he stated that the stations we are considering dispose of the dead fish and remains in the deeper part of the lake, not in containers. We want the fish cleaning stations to encourage harvesting of the fish.
- In response to the letter in the paper concerning boat stickers, stating there is no need to get stickers because it isn’t enforced, he states people need to get stickers because it is the right thing to do for our lakes.

Committee Member Reports & Comments:

- Lake Needs Assessment – Charles led discussion on the lake needs assessment in Rob’s absence.
- Lake Data Compilation – George Maxey discussed problems encountered with the data collection. He stated that he is trying to get all the data on one spread sheet. Brad added suggestions on what he needs collected. All data collection needs to be consistent.
- Status of Lake Cortez Dredging Survey & Project Plan – Peter Trabant continues to identify coves that need work and find access points. He stated that the area to the west of the boat dock is very shallow. The drawdown will begin in October. Brad spoke about the floating dredger for Lake DeSoto. The machine will be here this winter to dredge coves we couldn’t get to last year.
- Safety and Enforcement Task Force – Bob Trowbridge will get copies of the Bella Vista information distributed.
- Recreation Committee Update – Don Langston reported that there are plans to move the fishing pier at Calella to the DeSoto Marina. He suggested that when the
parking lot is paved they designate a place for trailer parking. He also requested that the Lakes Committee be involved in the Balboa Beach renovation and the relocation of the Coronado marina.

Old Business:
- Lake Segovia Recommendation – Better public access to Lake Segovia has been given to the committee for a recommendation. The Common Property and Forest Committee makes the point that this would mean vehicles would be driven on common property, which has never been allowed. Bruce Caverly, chairman of that committee, states that the lake was never designed for public access and is not a recreational lake. He noted there are also concerns in that area about water runoff into the lake and gravity sewer pipes. After much discussion, the Lakes Committee decided to go ahead with a recommendation to improve the gravel road that leads to the lake and to build a ramp and boat dock. Charles Hartmann will write up a recommendation for review.

New Business:
- Lake Policies, Rules, and Regulations – Don Langston asked if there was a digital format of the lake brochure, and if the POA had plans to print new brochures once it is updated.
- 2016 Lake Management Plan – Len Dombrowski discussed changes. A motion was made to accept the plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the committee.
- GIS System Recommendations – Brad and the committee discussed what needs to be included in the mapping.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

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