Memo

To: David Twiggs, COO/General Manager

From: Bill Staggs, Director of Public Works
       Linda Mayhood, Asst. General Manager

Date: May 18, 2016

Re: Discussion – Proposed Revisions to Chapter Two, Article 9, Lakes

Staff and the Lakes Committee have reviewed Chapter Two, Article 9, Lakes Policy and recommend revisions to Section 4. Buoys, in order to limit the use of unauthorized markers on Hot Springs Village lakes.

The proposed revisions stipulate the type of markers allowed on the lakes for the safety and protection of the public using the lakes.

The current policy, which has been redlined to indicate proposed revisions, is attached for the Board’s review and subsequent approval.

Homeowners are placing decoys in coves and areas surrounding their docks restricting access for lake users. This poses a potential liability for the POA and homeowner. Upon approval of the revised policy, lake-shore owners will be notified to remove all unauthorized markers within thirty (30) days.

This will be discussed at the May 18, 2016 regular board meeting.
ARTICLE 9
LAKES POLICY

Section 1. Authority

The authority for this Lake Use Policy is the Declaration, Protective Covenants and the By-laws of Hot Springs Village. All state and federal boating and fishing regulations apply to Hot Springs Village lakes. All of the rules and regulations of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission apply to anyone fishing the lakes and streams of Hot Springs Village. The Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission inspect and make recommendations on the dams and spillways.

Section 2. Purpose and Introduction

A. The POA maintains the recreational lakes for the use and enjoyment of all membership and as reservoirs for irrigation for golf courses.
B. Lake Lago is the only reservoir lake in which swimming, boating and fishing are not permitted.

Section 3. General Regulations

A. All lake use regulations regarding boating, towing sports activities such as skiing, tubing, knee boarding, etc., swimming, “no wake” violations, litter, beach use and fishing are contained in the POA Village Lakes, Guidelines and Information brochure.

Section 4. Buoys

A. The POA will place lake buoys markers with and or without lights or flags etc.) to assist boaters in recognizing no-tow, ski, swim, danger shoal and “no wake” areas.
B. No markers, other than those placed and maintained by HSVPOA are permitted.

Section 5. Herbicides

A. Herbicides must meet State and Federal regulations for use on waterways and be approved by the POA.

Section 6. Lake Maintenance

A. The POA will maintain the lakes and its buoys on an on-going basis.
Section 7. Boat/Trailer Registration

A. The POA requires all property owners to purchase annually and display a lake use decal on all boats and trailers used on HSV lakes. Decals must be affixed to the boat before it is used on any HSV lake.

B. Lake use is any boat (powered or unpowered) used in a Village lake, or any boat sitting upon or suspended above the lakes within HSV, or any boat trailer sitting within the parking area of any HSV boat launch area.

C. Sponsored guests are required to register their boats at the Desoto or Balboa Marina by securing and displaying either a daily or 14-day temporary lake use tag before usage on any HSV lake.

D. Long-term renters (defined as renters who have a lease of six months or longer) may purchase and display the same lake use decals available to property owners. To purchase a decal, the renter must present a copy of his or her lease. The fee will be established in the annual fee schedule as approved by the Board of Directors.

E. Failure to properly display a decal may result in the suspension of privileges and an administrative fee.

Adopted B.O.D. 4-26-95, Rev. 11-20-96, 11-15-00, Rev. 12-19-01 BOD, Rev. 5-17-06, 9-17-08, 10-21-09, 3-16-11