Executive Summary:

- Brad Meredith reported on the Lake Isabella algae treatment problems.
- The 2015 budget was discussed.
- Suggestions for increasing revenue were discussed.

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 August 13, 2014 minutes. They were unanimously approved by the committee.

Members in Attendance: Peter Trabant, Chairman; Charles Hartmann, Bob Trowbridge, Len Dombrowski, and Rob Bowers.

Members Absent: Alicia Fetters

Others in Attendance: Jason Temple, Brad Meredith, and Billy Graves, Public Works; Harv Shelton, Board Liaison; George Bollier, GAC; Mary Eliades, Village Voice; Frank Leeming, POA Board; Don Langston, Maxine Klein, B.J. Swartout, Gordon Bard, and Tammy Potes, guests.

Board Liaison Comments: Harv Shelton reported on activities from the September 6th Board work session.

POA Staff Report:

- Brad Meredith reported on the following:
  - About 1300 pounds of dead fish were removed from Lake Isabella. Crews kept detailed records of all fish removed. The problem was caused by chemical treatment of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), resulting in oxygen depletion and increased carbon dioxide levels. The treatment was successful, but the underlying cause of the problem is still unknown. He intends to work closely with golf superintendents to monitor run-off from the golf courses, and also plans to sample water from the Middle Fork. Jason added that the pond at Diamante Golf Course has high levels of blue-green algae and might also be a source.
  - Water clarity readings were taken from all Village lakes, and Isabella had the lowest reading at 34 inches. Len Dombrowski said that Isabella is in the worst shape it has ever been. Brad responded that it
will take time for the lake to recuperate, and the onset of cold weather will help the situation.

✓ Budget restraints preclude further algae treatments this year, but an aggressive program of water quality and algae level sampling will be part of next year’s plan. Brad is also looking into the possibility of fertilizing the lakes to promote “good” algae which will overpower the cyanobacteria.

• Jason Temple reported on the following:
  ✓ The request for $250,000 in the 2015 budget was reduced to $157,000, $137,000 for operations and $20,000 for capital equipment which would include a new boat motor and a water quality analyzer.
  ✓ Charles Hartmann empathized that funds need to be made available for deferred maintenance and ongoing problems. Harv Shelton explained that the priority next year has to be on water and wastewater infrastructure projects. Jason emphasized that everyone understands that lakes are a huge amenity and responsibility, and the budget needs to increase gradually over future years.
  ✓ Jason hopes to include an assistant lakes manager in the budget for 2015, and has future plans for a new boat or boats. He would also like to purchase a solar powered fishing pier to include a fish cleaning station, fish feeder, dry dock, etc.
  ✓ A fish census is scheduled for 2015, and the committee cited the need for a census at least once a year on all lakes.

Chairman’s Remarks: Peter Trabant reported on the following:
• He thanked the committee members who participated in the pre-dredging inspections on Lakes DeSoto and Pineda.
• He noticed a lot of derelict docks on Lake DeSoto, and requested that information letters to shoreliners include information about dock repairs.
• There were four applications submitted for membership and interviews are ongoing. Hopefully there will be a new member by the next meeting.

Committee Member Reports & Comments:
• Dredging Plan Sub-Committee – Charles Hartmann reported that Lake Pineda and Lake DeSoto are scheduled for dredging next year, and pre-dredging surveys are in progress. However, the committee needs feedback from shoreliners.

Old Business:
• Instruction Card for Volunteer Program – Brad will work on this in the fall when he has more time.
• Lake Needs Assessment – Top items included repairs to the Balboa dock and the Coronado parking lot area. Also ramp extension and silting and erosion problems at Cortez, and problems with the Estrella spillway.

New Business:
• Increasing Boat Trailer Revenue – Charles Hartmann and Bob Trowbridge worked on this issue and came up with the following suggestions:
  ✓ Increase enforcement on boat and trailer stickers. This could be accomplished by checking trailers at boat ramps, taking a boat around lake and check boats for stickers, have a safety patrol to check for stickers, and have committee members police their own lakes informally.
  ✓ Increase enforcement at entrance gates. When non-property owners come in pulling a boat the gate personnel could sell a boat pass on the spot.
  ✓ Sell day-pass boat stickers to rental agencies for inclusion in rental packages.
  ✓ Install lock boxes at the boat ramps so boaters could pay a suggested fee of $5 for daily use of the lakes.
  ✓ Increase the online fee for outsiders to use the lake.
• E-mail Lists of Shoreliners for Each Lake – Jason Temple is compiling a database of shoreliners to facilitate communications about lake issues. He urges shoreliners to sign up on the POA website for e-blasts, and requests that residents on Lake DeSoto and Lake Pineda include e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers when they return their completed forms. Committee members are compiling lists of shoreliners on their lakes.
• Survey of Boats – Peter Trabant reported that registrations for kayaks and canoes have increased from 200 to 1000 over the last five years. Motorized boats have remained about the same.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held October 8th at 9:00 a.m. at Coronado Center.