LAKES COMMITTEE
June 10, 2015

Meeting Summary

- A prototype lock box for lake access fees has been built. Boxes will be installed at all lake boat ramps.
- The lake-bottom algae growth in Lake Coronado is being treated with a copper sulfate algaecide and has been re-stocked with grass carp.
- Water quality testing has been done twice on all Village lakes this year.
- Estate Management has agreed to restock Lake Isabella with a small number of fingerling bluegills to compensate for the fish killed last summer due to the use of the SeClear.
- Brad and Katy presented a PowerPoint program with pictures and data collected from the electro-shocking project. Electro-shocking is temperature sensitive and was done too late in the year to get accurate census counts. However, this was the only time that we could use the boat borrowed from Bella Vista. This data is important because it allows staff to make decisions on which fish, if any, to harvest and whether stocks need to be replenished.
- Drawdown of Lake Cortez is scheduled to start in late October or early November. Committee members are in the process of conducting a survey to determine which areas need dredging.
- Recommendations for the 2016 budget were discussed. The need for adequate equipment and office space for the lakes staff was stressed, as well as replacement of decayed lake buoys.
- Potential lake policy changes were discussed, covering wake board boats and dock lighting.
- The committee discussed boat docks in disrepair, concluding that both Garland County and Saline County have ordinances covering Hot Springs Village properties that owners can be fined for hazardous boat docks.
- The 5-Year Plan is being updated with future capital expenditure items to include a floating dredger/barge and our own electro-shocking boat.
- Residents on Lake Segovia are concerned about vehicle parking and the launching of boats at the lake access area off of La Granja. The committee will do some research on this issue.

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, Rob Bowers, George Maxey, Len Dombrowski, and Don Petersen.

Members Absent: Peter Trabant

Others in Attendance: John Weidert, Board Liaison; Jason Temple, Brad Meredith, and Katy Harmon, Public Works; George Bollier, GAC; George Parker, POA Board; Mary Eliades, Village Voice; Bob Cunningham, Public Works Committee; Maxine Klein, Allen Leth, Bud Hallinan, and Kathi Warne, guests.

Approval of Minutes: Charles Hartmann asked for approval of the May 13, 2015 minutes. They were unanimously approved by the committee.

Board Liaison Comments: John Weidert reported on activities from the Board Retreat and the May 20th Board meeting.

Chairman’s Remarks:
- Charles Hartmann reported on the following:
  ✓ He summarized his report at the Board Retreat, emphasizing that lake management is evolving to include much more lake planning/management instead of just lake maintenance, with the purpose of improving the customer experience.
  ✓ There is discussion about moving the Coronado Marina to the Coronado boat ramp area and having gasoline available.

POA Staff Report:
- Brad Meredith reported on the following:
  ✓ A prototype lock box for lake access fees has been built. Pending final design approval, he expects the first boxes to be installed by July 4th. Boxes will be built for all lake boat ramps with $5.00 day passes for lake access. Committee members stressed the need for enforcement by the Police Department.
  ✓ The lake-bottom algae growth in Lake Coronado has been evaluated. It is being treated with a copper sulfate algaecide when homeowners contact us, and has been re-stocked with grass carp from spillways. He has also seen jellyfish in all the lakes which is a good sign in terms of water quality.
  ✓ Water quality testing with the new Sonde equipment has been done twice on all Village lakes this year, but they have not published a report due to computer and internet problems. Some of the smaller lakes are oxygen deprived below 10 feet, but this is not unusual. This won’t jeopardize the
fish population unless the good water band near the surface shrinks significantly.

✓ Estate Management has agreed to restock Isabella with 250 to 300 fingerling bluegills for each water quality sample we request from them. This is to compensate for the 250,000 fish that were killed last summer by the SeClear used to kill the blue-green algae bloom.

✓ A PowerPoint program was presented with data collected from the electroshocking project, but not all the data has been compiled. An electroshocking boat was borrowed from Bella Vista, but the census was conducted too late in the year to get accurate counts. Electroshocking is temperature dependent and should be conducted at a water temperature of 63 degrees. However, since the boat was borrowed it was not available earlier, and Brad stressed the need for us to have a boat to collect data every year. The presentation showed the percentage of types of fish in each lake. This data is important because it allows staff to make decisions on which fish, if any, to harvest and whether stocks need to be replenished.

- Jason Temple reported on the following:
  ✓ The lot owner database will be updated when the new computer system is in place later this year. When property owners turn in their information for renewals next year their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses should be entered in the system.
  ✓ He would like to see the purchase of a floating dredge, but it is not in our immediate plans. We will hire someone to do the work the first time so we can see what is involved.
  ✓ Drawdown on Lake Cortez is scheduled to start in late October or early November, with dredging to begin in January 2016. The floating dredge will be brought in during the summer of 2016.

Committee Member Reports & Comments:
- Lake Dredging Schedule – Dredging of Lake Cortez is on schedule. Peter Trabant is in the process of conducting a survey to determine which areas need dredging. The survey will focus on homeowner access to the lake, how to get into the affected areas, and where a floating dredge can be deployed.
- Safety and Enforcement Task Force – Bob Trowbridge is the committee liaison on the safety Committee. He is forming a task force consisting of members from ACC, Safety Committee, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Lakes.
- Lake Data Compilation – George Maxey will send data to Brad. He will then distribute it to committee members.

Old Business:
- Lakes Committee Charter – Charlie stated that the charter was revised and turned in to the POA.
Budget Questions – The committee is in the process of making recommendations for the 2016 budget, and stressed the need for adequate equipment and office space for the lakes staff. They are currently working in a small building with no internet access and no lab facilities. Brad stated that about 150 lake buoys are in various states of decay and proposed adding a yearly replacement cost to the budget.

New Business:
- Lake Policies, Rules, and Regulations – The committee discussed potential policy changes regarding lakes, covering wake board boats and dock lighting.
- Dock Repair – Charlie mentioned that ACC has told us in the past that nothing could be done concerning boat docks in disrepair. He investigated and found an ordinance in both Saline and Garland counties pertaining to Hot Springs Village properties, stating that owners can be fined for hazardous boat docks.
- 5-Year Plan – Len has been working on the plan and making changes. There was discussion about capital expenditure items for future lake work. Future big ticket items include a floating dredger/barge ($250,000 estimate), and our own electro-shocking boat ($60,000 estimate). Leasing equipment may be an option for the future as well. This will be discussed further since there is growing support on the POA Board to fund these expenses given the importance of lakes as the top Village amenity for new residents.

Guest Comments: Several residents on Lake Segovia are questioning whether cars can park off of La Granja and launch boats. Brad and the committee explained that this is a recreational lake and we cannot restrict people from this public access area. There is no boat launch ramp and no parking lot. Charlie suggested that the committee do some research and discuss this at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

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