**LAKES COMMITTEE**  
*July 8, 2015*

**Meeting Summary**

- Lock boxes for lake access fees are being built. However, they will not be installed until finalization of the signage is approved.
- The fish census report shows that a total of 5,719 fish were electroshocked, measured and released. It was stressed that Village lakes have too many small bass and harvesting is needed.
- It was suggested that fish cleaning stations be installed to encourage harvesting.
- The floating dredging project for Lake DeSoto has been sent out for quotes.
- The lakes staff is working with the HSV Anglers’ Club members to complete repair work on all POA docks.
- The dredging survey for Lake Cortez will be done in August and a plan developed after that.
- A safety and enforcement task force is being developed to include members from the police and fire departments, ACC, recreation and safety committees. The purpose is to discuss enforcement issues.
- Lake Segovia access was discussed. It has been determined that the entrance path to the lake is located on common property and thus available for use by all.
- A sub-committee was formed to look at rules and regulations for all lakes and suggest changes that need to be made.
- Lake Cortez residents voiced their concerns about lake enforcement.

**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, Peter Trabant, Rob Bowers, George Maxey, and Len Dombrowski.

**Members Absent:** Don Petersen

**Others in Attendance:** John Weidert, Board Liaison; Jason Temple, Brad Meredith, and Katy Harmon, Public Works; Don Langston, Ex-Officio; Jeff Meek, Village Voice; Bob Cunningham, Public Works Committee; Bob Pennington, Allen Leth, Craig & Carol Welle, Dave Specht, Debbie Whitecotten, Monty Stanley, and Susan Maxey.
**Approval of Minutes:** Charles Hartmann asked for approval of the June 10, 2015 minutes. They were unanimously approved by the committee.

**Board Liaison Comments:** John Weidert reported on activities from the June 17th Board meeting.

**Chairman’s Remarks:** Charles Hartmann suggested that everyone cooperate to limit the committee meeting to no more than two hours.

**POA Staff Reports:**

- Brad Meredith reported on the following:
  - Lock boxes for lake access fees are being built. He is awaiting finalization of signage and instruction of how the process can be done on-line. It was noted that there is discussion about selling boat passes at the gates. After some discussion, Jason recommended that a $5/day charge be maintained at the lock boxes for both members and non-members.
  - The limnology report is under review at present. Brad and Katy will try to get it reviewed by mid-August.
  - The fish census report shows that a total of 5,719 fish were electroshocked, measured and released. This was an effort to better understand fish health, what fish are in our lakes, and what needs to be done to create an excellent fishery. Brad stressed that the lakes have too many small bass and thus the need for harvesting.
  - Brad suggested that we install fish cleaning stations at deep-water areas like dams to encourage the harvesting of fish. Other suggestions are to hold fishing derbies and add “Please Harvest” signs at boat ramps.
  - Lake Balboa was measured to have high DO and low water temperature, suggesting that it might be a candidate lake for stocking trout as has been done at Bella Vista.

- Jason Temple reported on the following:
  - He proposed that the committee consider typing their own minutes. This would free up Public Works staff for other projects and get the minutes published faster.
  - The floating dredging proposal for Lake DeSoto has been bid out. He expects it will be extremely expensive.

**Committee Member Reports & Comments:**

- Lake Needs Assessment – It was noted there is some erosion at the Lake Isabella dam due to the spillway and that several boat ramp docks need board replacement. Brad and Katy are working with the Hot Springs Village Anglers’ Club members on getting repair work done on all the docks.
- Lake Data Compilation – This will be discussed in depth at the next meeting.
• Status of Lake Cortez Dredging Survey – Work on the survey will begin next month and a plan will be developed after that.

• Safety and Enforcement Task Force – Enforcement of lake policies was discussed. Bob Trowbridge is making an effort to meet with members of the police and fire departments, ACC, recreation committee, and safety committee. He stressed that there is a need to get the police and fire departments involved in this Task Force and to determine which lake restrictions can be legally enforced.

• Communications – Charles Hartmann relayed that any communications with the Voice or KVRE news spots will need to be made through our Board liaison in order to adhere to the POA’s policy.

• Public Works Website – There was discussion about updating the website to include Village fishing regulations (slot limits, fish harvesting, etc.)

Old Business:
• Lake Segovia Status – There has been discussion concerning access to Lake Segovia. Jason stated that the path that leads to Lake Segovia is located on common property and thus available for use by all. He would like a recommendation from the committee on what improvements, if any, need to be made to this path.

New Business:
• Lake Policies, Rules, and Regulations – The committee has been asked to look at rules and regulations on all lakes so that the policy and procedure can be updated. Policies have to be approved by the Board, but the staff can change procedures as needed. The wake boat regulation will be included in the procedure change. The previous lighting issue is a procedure of the ACC and has been resolved. Rob Bowers, Don Langston, and Peter Trabant will be on the sub-committee to tackle this issue.

Guest Comments:
• Lake Cortez residents questioned why it is so difficult to determine what can be done to enforce policy. There have recently been several thefts of items from boat docks on Lake Cortez.
• Another resident stated if we can’t enforce lake access rules that non-residents should not be allowed on our lakes. Another stated that fishing passes should be sold at the gates.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held August 12th at 9:00 a.m. at Coronado Center.