

Van Vliet Lake Association – Spring, 2018

Dear Neighbor:

The purpose of the Van Vliet Lake Association is to preserve and protect Van Vliet Lake and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Van Vliet Lake as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations. The current Association has been in existence since 1994 and the bylaws were last updated in 2006.

This year we welcome several new property owners to the lake. We look forward to meeting new neighbors and hope that you become part of our organization.

Each spring we mail out a newsletter and conduct our membership drive. During the year, updates about Association activities are available on our website www.vanvlietlake.com and also from periodic email messages. The website contains annual meeting minutes, board meeting minutes, lake photos, and a large amount of historical information about the various lake studies and other projects the Association has promoted.

The VVLA annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 16 starting at 10 a.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Presque Isle Community Library. Unapproved minutes from last year's meeting are available on the website for you to review prior to the meeting. The business meeting will be followed by a pot luck lunch. Please bring a dish to share and plan to enjoy a meal together.

The VVLA has organized Clean Boats, Clean Waters volunteer inspectors at our public landing since 2009. We have also joined with Big Lake to be part of a WDNR grant that helps pay for 50 hours of paid intern inspectors at our landing since 2013. Discovery Center interns will once again be working at the Van Vliet Lake boat landing during the summer of 2018. The VVLA will continue to support volunteer efforts at the landing especially during fishing tournaments but we will no longer attempt to organize those hours. We have too few volunteers to be able to cover the tournaments or holiday weekends.

Last summer aquatic plant conditions were once again not deemed to be at the nuisance level required in order for us to conduct any mechanical harvesting. We had applied for the permit and plan to do so again for the summer of 2018. We have enjoyed higher water levels the last few years which alleviates some of the problem, but we will continue to monitor the situation and act to implement our Aquatic Plant Management Plan if needed. Each year the WDNR conducts a site visit to assess conditions and make a decision on the permit.

In the past year, the Carlin Lake Association has been successful so far in their lawsuit to prevent pumping of water from their lake for a water bottling plant. We have supported their efforts and kept our members updated on that process via email.

We will be electing a President, Secretary, and two At large directors at the annual meeting. The Board will be nominating a slate of candidates. Please consider serving on the Board and let us know if you are interested in being nominated. Current Board members have all served multiple terms and we are looking for others to volunteer and help keep our organization active.

Enclosed is a VVLA membership form. Please continue to support our efforts by renewing your membership or joining us as a new member. The association is how we can work together to preserve and protect our lake. We look forward to working together with you in the coming year.

Van Vliet Lake Association Board of Directors

Ronie Jacobsen	President	Jim Sprester	At large director
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Jeff Burke	Treasurer	Tom Olson	At large director
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