

Van Vliet Lake Association Annual Meeting July 2, 2005

Board Members Present: Jeff Burke, Nancy Frank, George Kupfer, Dick Novak, Tom Olson, Jim Sprester, Jill Wilm

Number of meeting attendees: 35

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Olson at 1PM. Following determination of a quorum, a motion was made by Paul Specht to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Barbara Olson and passed unanimously.

Election of Officers: The following people were presented as a slate of nominees for the Board:

Nancy Frank, Treasurer
Jim Sprester, Secretary
Jeff Burke, At-Large Member
Dick Novak, At-Large Member

No other nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made by George Kupfer and seconded by Nick Andrews to unanimously elect the nominees as presented. The motion carried.

Reports:

President's Report: Tom Olson reported that the association had had a very busy, but a very good year. He reported that a great deal of work had been done on the grant by a large number of people, and that the results were impressive. He also reported that the Board had been active on a number of issues during the winter months.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Frank reported that 39 households were currently members of the organization, but that a few more had joined prior to the start of the meeting. Nancy reported that the balance in the association account as of July 2, 2005, was \$3,120.75. She reported that the balance in the grant was \$735.00. A motion was made by Jane Schwanz and seconded by JorjaBurke to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.

Management Plan Committee Report: Steve Smithson, chairperson of the committee, reported that the complete report will be available on the association's website, and that published copies may be made available for purchase after cost of publication is determined. A summary of the consultant's report will also be available. Steve gave a comprehensive summary of the report, which included an overview of water quality, weed growth and control, comparisons with other lakes, fishing data, types of testing and activities done by the consultant and by association volunteers, possible next efforts, etc. Steve was pleased to report that association members had volunteered a

total of 752.5 hours, far exceeding the 416 in-kind hours required by the grant. This also included 20 different association members. Steve reported that the committee would meet again and possibly make recommendations for the Board to consider. He said that the committee would also be communicating with the association membership. Jim Sprester reported briefly on the history section of the report, saying that he would be adding to the local part of the report and would welcome pictures, local stories, etc.

Zoning Report: Jeff Burke reported on the results of the zoning survey. Of the 77 total respondents, 67 were in favor of seeking an R1 zoning, and 10 were opposed. Jeff said that he would be presenting a request to the Town Zoning Board on behalf of the association that all of the property on Van Vliet Lake (except the resort) be zoned R1. If the request is approved by the Town, it will then also be presented to the County Zoning Board at a public hearing.

Jeff also reported on the research he had done on septic systems, i.e., data on systems, current regulations, things that should be looked at, things that could be done with individual septic systems, etc.

Bylaw Report: Jill Wilm reported that a year ago at the Annual Meeting the Board had been asked to consider absentee ballots for officers. A committee had only been able to meet once, and favored absentee ballots, but felt it needed more input on implementation, e.g., how, when, under what conditions, etc. She said that the committee hoped to meet again in August to continue discussion. George Kupfer handed out two documents showing considerations for change on absentee voting, and on the bylaws in general, and asked for feedback. Feedback on the above should be directed to Jill, as chairperson of the committee.

Picnic: Barbara Olson reported that an association sponsored picnic will be held on Saturday, September 3rd from 11AM -3PM at the Presque Isle Wilderness Park. All are invited to come and enjoy this social event - just fun with friends and neighbors that you don't see often enough - no association business! More information will be given in the next newsletter.

Invasive Plant Species Committee: Jim and Linda Rennhack, representatives of the Vilas County Invasive Species Planning Committee, were present to address the group on the problems with invasive aquatic plant species. They stated that the goals of their Town approved committee were threefold: education, prevention, and control. They said that their goal in coming to our meeting was to increase awareness of the problem, and to solicit committee membership from the Van Vliet Lake Association. Jill Wilm volunteered to serve as the representative from VVLA. Tom Olson thanked them on behalf of the organization for the work they had been doing and for attending our meeting to increase our awareness.

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:05PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Jim Sprester

Van Vliet Lake Association Secretary