

Van Vliet Lake Association Annual Meeting
June 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ronie Jacobsen at 10 a.m. Those in attendance were Tom Aartila, Ed Brodsky, Jeff Burke, Jorja Burke, Susie Cerny, Anna Cerny, Ben Czarny, Mike Czarny, Ronie Jacobsen, Mark Osberg, Judith Roche, Patrick Roche, Bill Schroeder, Diane Schroeder and Kathy Sprester. The meeting was held in the lower level of the P.I. Community Library.

Diane Schroeder gave a synopsis of last year's minutes, Mike Czarny made a motion to accept the minutes and Ed Brodsky seconded the motion, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Jeff Burke gave the treasurers report as follows:

Beginning balance 6/18/2015	\$1,620.44
Income	4,288.13
Disbursements	1,274.74
VVLA checking acct. to date	\$4,633.83

Separate savings account, property owners contributions to aquatic harvesting \$6,513.08

Diane Schroeder made a motion to accept the treasurers report, seconded by Bill Schroeder, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Election of officers was given by Ed Brodsky:

President – Ronie Jacobsen
Secretary – Diane Schroeder
At large - Mike Czarny and Jim Sprester

A motion to approve the slate of candidates was made by Kathy Sprester and seconded by Mark Osberg, the motion was unanimously approved.

Our guest Tom Aartila, the Northern Wisconsin water program supervisor for the WDNR, told of his credentials and spoke of his visit to our lake May 31, 2016. His assessment of our lake was that it is a very good lake and our efforts to maintain water quality are admirable. He reiterated the importance of shore land maintenance.

Mike Czarny gave a brief history of the Aquatic Plant Management Plans, four in total, the final plan prepared by Onterra which the WDNR approved June 5, 2015 and was adopted by the VVLA June 20, 2015. He stated the WDNR normally addresses permit applications from harvesting contractors and our lake association directly applied for the permit.

Ed Brodsky reviewed how the members could see the Onterra Plan, either on the VVLA web site or a hard copy is available at the Presque Isle Library. He spoke of the fund raising efforts and our escrow account with these funds set aside for future harvesting. The high water this year may preclude the necessity of harvesting. If there are nuisance plants hampering navigation by the end of June we will ask the WDNR to review the situation and issue the permit, and then contact Schmidt's Aquatic Plant Control. A cutting date would be mid July.

Diane Schroeder reported on the efforts our members have given to the Clean Boats, Clean Water program since 2009, also joining Big Lake for summer interns stationed at Van Vliet landing for a total of 50 hours this summer. An Aquatic Invasive Species monitoring plan would be helpful, volunteers are needed, training for identifying AIS is available at the Woodruff DNR office later this month.

Ronie Jacobsen spoke of the shore land condition of Van Vliet Lake, actually there are just a few properties in need of better shore land care. She showed the Onterra map and urged anyone wanting help with plantings etc. to contact Quita Sheehan. Our lake encompasses the shore land with the Van Vliet Hemlocks, all natural areas and a wonderful part of our area. The Discovery Center is offering a geology class/hike in the Van Vliet Hemlocks in October sponsored by the Friends of the Van Vliet Hemlocks.

Jeff Burke has been our lake "Citizen Lake Monitoring Expert" for the past ten years and would like a new volunteer to take over this important position. He explained how he tests the water sample taken from the "deep hole" and sends samples and his findings.

Mark Osberg spoke about lake courtesy, defining the no wake zone, reminding everyone that kayaks, canoes, sail boats and paddle boards have the right of way. And that private fireworks are illegal.

Ronie reminded everyone of our web site with our Van Vliet Lake news, photos and minutes of our meetings. Today's meeting was very informative and enjoyable thanks to the power point presentation that Ronie prepared, the final photo was of the floating island of lily pads that came from the south east part of the lake and settled in the north west area, very interesting!

The meeting adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Schroeder