

Van Vliet Lake Association Annual Meeting
June 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Ronie Jacobsen at 10 am. Those in attendance were Don Blom, Ed Brodsky, LaVergne Brodsky, Jorja Burke, Mike Czarny, Steve Frank, Emily Heald, Ronie Jacobsen, Wendy Osberg, Mark Osberg, Patrick Roche, Diane Schroeder, Bill Schroeder, Kathy Sprester and Don Trimble.

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

Ronie Jacobsen gave the treasurers report for the absent Jeff Burke, our membership is at 47, bank balance as follows:

Beginning balance 6/18/2016	\$4,633.83
Income	2,506.25
Disbursements	<u>1,151.65</u>

VVLA checking account to date \$5,988.43

Separate savings account (property owners contributions to aquatic harvesting)
\$6,528.13

Diane Schroeder made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Kathy Sprester seconded the motion and the report was approved unanimously.

Election of officers was given by Ronie:

Vice President	Ed Brodsky
Treasurer	Jeff Burke
At large	Tom Olson & Mark Osberg

A motion was made by Kathy Sprester to accept the slate of officers and seconded by Wendy Osberg, the slate was approved unanimously.

Mike Czarny spoke on the topic Aquatic Plant Management, a permit has been applied for stating Silver Mist as our choice of harvester. Mike stated that we have informed the DNR and requesting an inspection around July 1, 2017. Aquatic plants and shore land preservation are always a concern for the DNR.

Ed Brodsky reminded the group of the Van Vliet Hemlocks a State Natural Area since 2014 and told us Heidi Putnam is doing 100 hours of work as a DNR intern in the Hemlocks. The Friends of the Van Vliet Hemlocks has partnered with the North Lakeland Discovery Center and conducts educational hikes in the Hemlocks.

Ronie spoke of our continuing Clean Boats Clean Waters efforts. Last year we logged 88 volunteer hours and checking a total of 97 boats. Once more we have shared Discovery Center interns with Big Lake and Presque Isle Lake, costing us \$755.00 in the spring but being reimbursed \$566.25 for a net cost of \$188.75. This years interns are Heather, Brandon and John.

Ronie has arranged for Catherine Higley from the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Department to conduct an aquatic plant identification class on Tuesday July 18th 1:00 p.m. leaving from Ronie's dock. Those interested should sign up as it is a limited enrollment. If anyone is ever concerned if a plant is invasive you can take a sample to the Discovery Center and they will identify it for you.

Mike Czarny stated that the Carlin Lake Association law suit against the bottling of Carlin Lake water is strictly a zoning issue. The Carlin Lake Association has asked for any contributions toward the legal fees in this suit. It was discussed at length and Ed Brodsky made a motion to donate \$250.00, Jorja Burke seconded the motion and it passed with one dissenter.

Our guest Emily Heald was introduced as the the North Lakeland Discovery Center Water Program Coordinator, it was nice to meet her.

Kathy Sprester told of a new book titled Your Water Footprint which is in our library and speaks of the ways we can preserve our water.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Unapproved minutes respectfully submitted,
Diane Schroeder