

Van Vliet Lake Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2004

Members present: Jill Wilm, George Kupfer, Bill Schroeder, Jeff Burke and Tom Olson

Also Present: Diane Schroeder and Barbara Olson

Call to Order: President Tom Olson called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

Agenda

Bank Signature:

After discussion, George Kupfer moved and Jill Wilm seconded a resolution which was passed unanimously as follows:

Be it resolved that the Board hereby authorizes the Treasurer to sign all checks in payment of Association obligations without the necessity for a second signature after discussing such payment with the President. In the event that a check is to be made payable to the Treasurer or any member of the Treasurer's immediate family, the check is to be signed by the President.

Newsletter Editor:

At the request of current newsletter editor Tom Olson, Jill Wilm volunteered to assume the duties of Newsletter Editor.

It was requested that members submit articles to the editor for possible inclusion in the newsletter. All articles should promote the purpose of the Association and support the accomplishment of that purpose. Articles should also be relevant to current lake issues. The editor has final authority on inclusion of articles in the newsletter.

There was a motion by Bill Schroeder, seconded by Jeff Burke, which passed unanimously as follows:

To appoint Jill Wilm editor of the newsletter with authority to establish guidelines for articles as indicated above.

Van Vliet Hemlocks Update:

Tom Olson provided an update on this project. The Committee has been in touch with Steve Miller of the DNR. Mr. Miller has expressed interest and support to

develop a plan which will preserve the parcel in its current state. Mr. Miller has circulated memos within the DNR promoting this effort and will be following up.

Dan Wisniewski has retired as chief executive of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Tia Nelson (daughter of Gaylord Nelson) has just begun her duties as his successor.

Steve Frank and Tom Olson will follow up with Mr. Miller and Ms. Nelson to move the project along during the month of October and report back to the Board.

Lake Management Plan Project:

Steve Smithson report on the progress of the Lake Management Plan. 3 work sessions were held this summer with more than 81 hours of on the water volunteer participation. In addition, there has been substantial time devoted to management of the plan and communications.

A “small” grant was submitted to obtain a dissolved oxygen meter. This grant is in process and the belief is that it will be approved. The grant will cover most of the cost of the meter. It was moved by Jeff Burke and seconded by Jill Wilm as follows:

To authorize Steve Smithson to expend a sum not exceeding \$500 in addition to the grant funds to acquire the dissolved oxygen meter and ancillary materials and to authorize payment up to that amount by the Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Burke will be coordinating the collection of information on the status of septic systems on Van Vliet Lake. This work will be done at Eagle River. It will likely occur sometime between December and February.

Jim Sprester has begun searching for information on the history portion of the plan. This portion will include both natural history and local history. He plans to have an outline prepared by the end of October. He will supply Steve Smithson and the Board with a copy for review.

The scientific data collected to date is in the hands of Steve McComas for review and analysis. The report will be forthcoming after the first of the year. It was mentioned that Mr. McComas needs to follow up with DNR on the fish management portions of the plan.

Any grant application will be required to be submitted in February of 2005. Therefore, directions for future planning or implementation will be needed by December so that applications can be made.

George Kupfer has stressed the need for development of a long term planning model which will include testing and sampling in future years. This will include

the development of a data base for holding information. The following committee was appointed to work with Steve McComas in the development of such a plan:

George Kupfer and Jeff Burke – Co, chairs; Forbes Taylor, Jr. as a member.

Rezoning:

Jeff Burke reported on the process for rezoning. It was noted that several lakes have already sought and received rezoning to R-1. The need to work closely with the Town of Presque Isle was stressed.

Issues such as cost, communications, potential exclusions (e.g.; Alpine) and the entire process were discussed. Those who volunteered to serve on a committee at the annual meeting were appointed to work with Jeff.

The Rezoning Committee was appointed. It is:

Jeff Burke, Chair; Matt Pachi, Paul Specht, Sharon Specht, Barb Novak, Kathy Sprester, Doug Schwanz, and Barbara Olson.

Jeff will be in touch with the committee to determine the appropriate course of action and report back to the Board.

By-law Revision:

At the annual meeting, a request was made to review the By-laws from the perspective of potentially allowing more input from those unable to attend the annual meeting. A committee was appointed to work on these issues:

By-law Revision Committee is:

Jill Wilm, Chair; George Kupfer, Jim Sprester, Bill Schroeder and Don Trimble.

Directory:

Work on the directory continues. At this point, some of the information needs to be updated before completing it.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Olson,
Acting Secretary