

Van Vliet Lake Association
Board Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2005

Board members present: Tom Olson, Jill Wilm, Nancy Frank, Bill Schroeder, Jeff Burke, Jim Sprester

President Tom Olson called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

Business Items

A. Board Nominee

It was moved by Jill Wilm and seconded by Bill Schroeder to submit the following names as Board nominees:

Nancy Frank –Treasurer
Jim Sprester – Secretary
Jeff Burke – At-large member
Dick Novak – At large member

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Management Plan Update

I. Report on Draft – Steve Smithson reported on the preliminary draft of the plan, which he had received from Steve McComas of Blue Water Science. Copies of the draft were given to Board Members. They were asked to make comments, suggestions, questions, etc and submit them to Steve Smithson by April 21st. Following this, the Board will discuss the draft at the May 14th meeting.

II. Additional Work to be done.

Steve Smithson asked that a tabulation of work hours on the plan be sent to him as soon as possible. He reminded people to keep track of all hours which relate to time spent on the planning grant, e.g. wildlife observation, septic system survey, history compilation, etc.

III. History

Jim Sprester reported on the work that he and Kathy had been doing on the history portion of the grant. He asked that people forward him any interesting and pertinent information (e.g. old news articles on local activities, interesting things from abstracts, old pictures, etc.)

IV.2005 Activities

Activities will be determined as the management plan progresses.

C. By-law Amendments.

Jill Wilm reported that it had been difficult to meet as a committee since people were so geographically scattered during the fall and winter. She reported that she has received input from Don Trimble and a lengthy and commendable effort from George Kupfer. The committee will try to meet this spring.

D. Zoning

Jeff Burke reported that the results of the zoning survey as of 4/01/05 were 47 in favor of Residential 1 zoning and 8 against it. A third survey will be sent to property owners who have not yet responded.

The topic will be discussed further at the May Board Meeting. If people have questions or comments, they are to contact Jeff or Tom.

E. Hemlocks

Tom reported that he has been working with the state and investigating the best ways to preserve the area known as the Van Vliet Hemlocks.

F. Membership

Nancy Frank discussed the method notification and collection of dues. It was decided to place notification and submittal forms in the next two spring newsletters and to also have a sign-up sheet at the Annual Meeting.

G. Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will come out within the next three weeks and a second one will come out by May 21 or 22.

H. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held July 2nd at 1 pm at the Presque Isle Town Hall.

The Agenda will include the following:

1. Reports on Management Plan (major focus of meeting)
2. Zoning Report
3. Election of Board Members
4. By-law Committee Report
5. Hemlocks

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm. The next meeting will be held on Saturday May 14.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Sprester
Association Secretary