

## Van Vliet Lake Board Association

Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Burke at 7:30pm.

Board members present at teleconference: Jeff Burke, Jorja Burke, George Kupfer, Tom Olson, Bill Schroeder, Paul Specht, Jill Wilm. Other VVLA members: Mike Czarny, Ronie Jacobsen, Steve Smithson. *Agenda reviewed and approved.*

### I. Old Business:

- a. **Lake Level Issues:** Jeff reports that the lake level gauge shows lake level is 4" lower than usual for this time of year. Discussion ensued re dismantled beaver dams and trapping of beavers. Areas to address: Raise issue with DNR again as the low lake levels affect increased weed growth; send photos to Consultant, Steve McComas of Blue Water, and ask for a memorandum from him re lake level issues (Steve S. will contact Steve McComas to inquire if he's willing to do so); read any pertinent documents received on subject at the VVLA/PILA annual meetings; mail the letter composed by George addressing the low lake level issues to various DNR personnel, FYI and WI Association of Lakes. Chart water levels 2006/2007. Motion by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom to authorize a maximum of \$300.00 for Steve M.'s time and reports. Ayes unanimous.
- b. **Zoning:** Paul asked if there is a list of properties that remained recreational. Ronie directed him to the VVLA website where a map and spreadsheet are available for viewing.
- c. **Lake Management:** Residents are encouraged by Steve Smithson to speak up with weed/navigational problems. George asked how we will now follow-up on the Consultant's recommendations. Jill said, in her opinion, the number one item is to determine how to keep the lake management plan alive and how to follow the consultant's recommendations. Jeff suggested tabling discussion until the spring meeting (possibly 06/09/07). All agreed.
- d. **Hemlocks:** Tom reports that BCPL has set aside this area as a high priority (per Tia). Do we wish to collaborate w/Discovery Center (Zach Wilson) re the Hemlock Forest? Tom will work with Dave Picard to set up a hike for VVLA members after the annual meeting. George mentioned that LWCA highlighted the Hemlock area in their last newsletter. Tom will continue to focus on bringing this area to the attention of residents in order to preserve it in its present state.
- e. **Nomination & Voting Procedures:** Secretary must send out information re candidates, requests for nominations and absentee ballots no later than May 20<sup>th</sup> for the 2007 elections to be held on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Tom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill to nominate the following: Vice President, Jill Wilm; Treasurer, Paul Specht; and 2 each Representatives at Large, Ronie Jacobsen and Steve Smithson. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. **Newsletter:** Discussion continued re similarities between the website and the newsletter and receiving feedback (or lack thereof) from VVLA members. Jill will send reminders to residents to access the website as there will no longer be a newsletter.
- g. **Annual Meeting:** In order to accommodate absentee ballot issues, according to the by-laws, the 2007 annual meeting has been scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>. The following will be accomplished (or in some cases, begun) by the meeting: Printing & mailing George's letter addressing lake level issues; publishing nominees for upcoming election; publish Hemlock hike information; contact Steve McComas; and lake levels/weed history archival information. Steve and Jill will get resident address information together.
- h. **Septic Systems:** The survey is on the website and shows 33 owners on maintenance, with a 58% compliance rate.
- i. **Membership/ Annual Dues:** Paul will include a mailing for dues with election information.

### II. New Business

- a. **Website:** Ronie addressed the issue of posting information to the website.
- b. **Last Wilderness Conservation Association:** Discussion re the letter from Last Wilderness Conservation Association announcing the formation of a committee that will address watershed issues and asking for the VVLA's support. Paul made a motion to support them by joining LWCA, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill. Jeff reiterated the importance and strength of many Lake Associations working together on the issue.
- c. **Presque Isle Library Fundraiser:** Jeff reported on the progress of the new P.I. library and asked for members of VVLA to visit and consider financially supporting the effort.

*Meeting adjourned* at 9:15pm with a motion by Paul and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill. Ayes unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Jorja Burke, Secretary