

**Van Vliet Lake Association**  
**August 28, 2008**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Member Roll Call:** Meeting called to order by President Jeff Burke at 1:30pm. Present: Jill Wilm, Paul Specht, Jorja Burke, Mike Czarny, Ronie Jacobsen, George Kupfer, Steve Smithson, Tom Olson.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ronie to approve, 2nd by Jill. Motion carried.

**Reading and approval of Annual Mtg. Minutes:** Motion by Tom, 2nd by Mike. Discussion of approval of minutes: Annual meeting minutes must be approved by Van Vliet Lake association membership, therefore, could not be approved by the Board at this meeting. Minutes from the prior board meeting were not read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paul Specht's report: 2008 memberships are held by 30 households with 50 paid members (39 households/60 members in 2007) \$825 received in 2008. ). \$895 received in 2007. Approximately \$3,400 in checking account.

**Old Business:**

**Annual Meeting Review:** Discussion ensued regarding membership attendance at the Annual Meeting. Speaker Carolyn Scholl's presentation was well received by attendees.

**Posting Meeting Minutes to Website:** Motion by Mike for VVLA Board minutes to be electronically previewed for website posting. Board members will respond within 5 business days of receipt of minutes with their corrections/comments; 2nd by Steve. Motion carried. Possibly, annual meeting minutes (reports) could be posted on the website and approved by the membership in the same manner.

**Signage:** Jill is still waiting for responses from manufacturers about metal ordinance signs to be posted at the boat landing. Board members agreed to purchase a sign. Jill will check on quantity discounts as Jeff and Otto Novak (Oxbow) brought up this item for discussion at a recent Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee (PITLC) meeting where other lake association representatives indicated interest. Paul asked about Beaver protection signs. Jeff said they're in the works but not ordered.

**Membership:** Some residents have contacted board members and said they would like more social events. Working groups such as "shoreline adoption" (other PI lake associations have plans in place or are working on them) may provide a venue for people to work together. Monitoring the Van Vliet boat landing within the Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CB/CW) program is another idea.

Advantages of mailing information as well as maintaining the website was discussed. Special mailings may be the best way with new information: i.e., CB/CW efforts. Cost of postage, printing and time involved for board members should be considered. A motion by Jill to mail new lake information to all lake residents with a 2nd by Steve carried. Steve will handle the CB/CW info mailing. Comments: Tom - "add nuisance weed issues;" Mike - "include letter from President & info from Mike re the 2008 Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APMP);" mention letters sent to DNR, etc. Paul will contact residents who are not currently members of the lake association.

**New Business:**

**VVLA's Role in the Current Grant Process:** There was discussion of the roles of Northern Environmental (NE), PITLC and VVLA. Letters to PITLC and NE reiterating VVLA's expectations that the APMP will include plans for nuisance native plants w/copies to Kevin Gauthier, Matthew Wagner, Ted Ritter, etc. Letter to be prepared by Jeff, reviewed by Board members and returned to him with their comments. What's the next step? Response to NE re APMP may require an additional board meeting.

**Clean Boats/Clean Waters:** Ronie suggested setting up two-person teams at the boat landings w/Memorial Day 2009 as a target (with July 4th, Walleye Tournament, Musky Classic, and Labor Day to follow). A motion was made by Ronie to set up a subcommittee consisting of 2 board members and 2 non-board members working to implement the CB/CW project with a 2nd by Jill. Motion carried. Ronie & Jill will serve on this subcommittee & will contact interested residents.

**Website ideas:** Jill suggested that journal-type items be sent to the web master for posting: photos, wildlife sightings, weather or comments on lake happenings - keep it light!

**Meeting calendar:** No meetings scheduled for the balance of year.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:30ish.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jorja Burke, Secretary