

Van Vliet Lake Association Board Meeting  
August 21.2010

President Ronie Jacobsen called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Also in attendance: Jeff Burke, Jorja Burke, Mike Czarny, Steve Smithson, Paul Specht and Jill Wilm.

Minutes of 06.19.10 meeting approved by motion of Jeff, 2nd by Mike.  
Motion carried.

Discussion of posting board minutes to web site within 2 to 4 weeks of a meeting ensued. Jorja will e-mail recorded minutes and Jill offered to forward to VVLA Board members and/or post them to the VVLA web site. Minutes are to be approved by Board via e-mail prior to posting. Annual meeting minutes will be posted as "unapproved" as the membership must approve or correct at the annual meeting the following year.

Seven VVLA members do not have e-mail access receive info by USPS that others receive electronically. Because several envelopes were returned as undeliverable after our spring mailing, USPS addresses will be checked by comparing Paul's membership list to Jill's mailing label list and Jorja will rectify discrepancies thru tax rolls.

Septic maintenance list on web site will be updated to reflect current status.

Discussion ensued re purchase of conference call phone systems. Steve suggested we try the basic phone multiple-line system prior to our next meeting and then again at the next board meeting and discuss results. Mike will research set-up.

Since Ronie's election as president, an appointment to her remaining term as board member-at-large needs to occur. Jeff made a motion that Tom Olson be asked to fill interim vacancy until next summer, 2nd by Steve. Motion passed.

Picnic @ Ronie's & Mike's 09.05.10. Thus far, 12 have responded to attend.

Ronie and Jill reported on a recent Hemlock tract meeting @ Tom's house. The Board of Commission for Public Lands wants to sell land to WIDNR; WIDNR would like to purchase it to maintain as a wild area. Meeting attendees were encouraged to move forward to build "constituency" to create a public voice to speak in defense of the area. Ronie & Jill will update board members after the follow-up meeting. Does VVLA want to be part of trail building and sign posting? Jeff made a motion that the VVLA board support the Board of Commission for Public Lands position to protect the Hemlock tract through developing a constituency and to support the overall planning process, 2nd by Paul. Motion carried.

Jeff reported on current status of Horsehead rezoning. Decision by town board delayed to Monday, 08.23.10, 7:00pm. Vilas County Zoning Committee meeting on the issue is Sept. 2nd.

Mike asked what happened to the water quality information collected. Jeff answered that lake monitoring includes collecting information and reporting it to the WIDNR to establish a database for water clarity (secchi disc) and water chemistry (incl. dissolved oxygen). The monitoring of lake levels is a separate project and the measurement gauge was installed in Van Vliet Lake this summer by Jeff and Al Drum, the PI resident implementing the study. He commented that the current lake level is high @ 68 centimeters. When asked to submit related comments for posting on the web site, Jeff said he would do so.

Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee/Aquatic Plant Management Plan: Van Vliet Lake has been moved to the top of the list of prior studies. The APMP provides a benchmark study of plants, Clean Boats/Clean Waters studies and this new plan will allow for individual owners to talk with the WIDNR about attending to "nuisance" plant growth should it occur. Does the VVLA board want to own the weed cutter? Liability was discussed. Steve will maintain ownership until a future date when a decision would be made.

Ronie reports that the 2010 Clean Boats/Clean Waters season reflects 52 volunteer hours and 55 boats inspected during 07/03, 07/24, and 08/14. The total hours also included the May walleye weekend dates.

Boat Landing: Motion by Paul to fund creation of the map Jill presented indicating 200' no-wake areas and request that the Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee post it on the new kiosk at the Van Vliet Lake boat landing, 2nd by Steve. Discussion was about size of 24x24" square with cost subject to budgetary approval. Motion carried.

Signs at boat landing: Ronie reported that the DNR sign is worn and asked again about posting a sign directing boat landing users to the nearest bathroom - no response.

Spotted knapweed eradication @ the VVL boat landing: Jill will research what was done in the Powell Marsh area to treat the knapweed there - it is all gone.

Next meeting: Between October 1st-6th. Date to be announced.

Adjourned @ 5:30pm with a motion by Paul, 2nd by Mike.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jorja Burke, Secretary