

**Van Vliet Lake Association  
October 2, 2010  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**Member Roll Call:** Ronie Jacobsen, Jill Wilm, Jeff Burke, Paul Specht, George Kupfer, Mike Czarny and Jorja Burke,

**Financial report** was presented by Paul. He included an history of expenditures since 2006, indicating the primary expenditures included annual meeting/picnic costs, T-shirts (CBCW), 2008 aquatic plant study, member communications, and annual dues to County and State lake associations."

**Hemlocks:**

VVLA members Tom Olson, Ronie Jacobsen and Jill Wilm recently met with a committee formed to explore options to preserve the hemlocks parcel. Other committee members include representatives of the BCPL, DNR, Discovery Center and Al Eschenbach of "Wisconsin's Last Wilderness" a Presque Isle based land preservation group. The BCPL is marking boundaries of state-owned land with blue paint. Land beyond these marks is privately owned. GPS mapping of the trail system is underway as is the evaluation of additional trails to be marked. The BCPL will pay for trail signage and an informational kiosk will be constructed at the beginning of the trail. Possible spring 2011 dedication. New signage is already installed - ATV's are banned from access, however, the area is open for hiking, cross country skiing, etc.

There will be a VVLA sponsored hike, led by John Bates on Oct. 23, 2010 at 9 a.m.

Members have been e-mailed; at this point around 15 people plan to attend, projection is for approx. 20 attendees. Ronie suggested the VVLA pay him an honorarium, \$175 for 1/2 day is his normal fee. Paul made a motion to pay John \$175.00, second by Jeff. Discussion ensued, including Jill's suggestion to serve a lunch. At this point, it was decided just to plan the hike. Motion carried.

**Boat landing:**

Knapweed will be sprayed in the spring 2011, by "Randy" of the DNR. Ronie reported that the DNR has given the VVLA permission to put in some native plants subject to their approval of specific plants. Nancy Frank has volunteered to plan and coordinate the project. Motion by Paul to approve \$200 for plants, 2nd by Jeff. Discussion included costs for plantings from Prairie Nursery and the DNR's plant sale program. It was also suggested that prior to purchasing any plants, the proposed list of plantings should be reviewed by someone with wild plantings experience. Carolyn Scholl and Quita Sheehan of Vilas County Conserv. Dept. were suggested as resources. Motion carried.

**Signs @ VVLA boat landing:**

Cost estimate for map of the lake showing 200' no-wake areas was discussed. Jill spoke w/Al Eschenbach regarding Last Wilderness map copies which are currently not available but may be in the future. At George's suggestion, it was decided to table the map for anything but light research at this time. Discussion ensued re all signage posted on kiosk. Jeff reported that Ted Ritter has been appointed the new kiosk czar and he wants posting of all signs to cease until he gets a handle on it. Also noted, the terms of the grant awarded to PITLC indicates approval by the P.I. Town Lakes Committee, prior to posting any info on the kiosk.

**Clean Boats/Clean Waters:**

Jill and Ronie reported that 63 volunteer hours were worked & 70 boats inspected throughout the 2010 summer season. Focus was concentrated on staffing the landing during two fishing tournaments in 2011, the Walleye and Musky Tournaments and then choose only one or two additional Saturdays unless there are more volunteers.

**Aquatic Plant Management Plan:**

Jeff reported that a representative from Bonestroo was at a recent Town meeting and said something on the APMP may be forthcoming by Christmas. It sounds as if Kevin Gauthier, of the DNR, is buried in work and doesn't have adequate staff to review the plans. The Presque Isle report seems to reflect boilerplate material and appears as if it's about volume, not about quality. We'll get what we get and then we'll move on. The board will have an opportunity to review the

APMP as soon as it becomes available to PITLC.

**2011 Annual meeting:**

The P.I. Community Center & Pavilion have been reserved for June 18, 2011, 9:30-3:00,.

**Social Events:**

A picnic was held at Ronie's & Mike's home on Sept. 5th. Approximately 15 people attended and a great time was had by all! A possible winter gathering was discussed and more details will be available as developed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff, 2nd by Paul. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jorja Burke, Secretary