

Van Vliet Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by President Ronie Jacobsen. In attendance, Jeff Burke, Jorja Burke, Mike Czarny, Ronie Jacobsen, George Kupfer and Tom Olson. Absent: Paul Specht and Jill Wilm.

A motion to approve the board minutes of 05/17/11 was made by Tom Olson, second by Jeff. Motion passed.

Feedback on the 2011 annual meeting was reviewed. Ronie commented that we went to the earlier date of June 18th because of complaints in 2010 that the week of July 4th was not good a good choice. George thought the content of our meeting was good. In the future, should we again consider a speaker as we have in the past? Jeff: Is the purpose of the meeting for business or a social event? Ronie: Try keeping the business separate from a speaker & picnic? Consider scheduling a co-operative event with Presque Isle Lake Association, incorporating a speaker w/PILA in 2012 (someone like Mike Meyer or Ashland folks to talk about loon nesting)? Jorja will reserve community center, kitchen and pavilion for next year, July 5th, 2012, 9:30 to 3:00. This gives us ½ hour to set up for a 10:00am meeting.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters efforts for Labor Day and Muskie Tournament weekends: who is available? Hours volunteered to date were reviewed: 10 days, 54 hours, 37 boats inspected in 2011. In 2010: 63 hours and 73 boats inspected. There is a need for volunteer members to man the landing during Musky Tournament and Labor Day weekends. On 9/3 (Labor Day weekend): George 8-10, Tom 10-12, Jeff will also put in hours. Still need to set up staffing for Musky Tournament weekend: Sept. 9, 10, 11.

Aquatic Plant Management Plan update per Mike: The Van Vliet Lake plan has been completed, however, no individual lake plans will be accepted by the DNR until all lakes within a particular study group have completed plans.

The Presque Isle Lakes Committee has discussed co-coordinating the possible purchase of a dissolved oxygen meter to be shared by multiple lakes. Jeff reported that VVLA purchased a D.O. meter approximately 5 years ago and he has used it for that length of time to measure dissolved oxygen in VVL.

Map project. Map is posted – total cost: \$295.00.

Loon information: Ronie reported that the Presque Isle Lake Association put in a loon nesting platform/area near Shirley Sparhawk's in 2010 and two chicks were successfully raised. As a designated Area of Special Natural Resource Interest (ASNRI) lake, Van Vliet Lake must apply for a permit (\$50.00) to install a nesting site. The DNR would need to approve permitting and Steve Peterson may recommend enhancing a local site prior to creating a different site. He suggests waiting to see what happens in 2012.

Also discussed: Hike in the Hemlocks and picnic update, August 27th, 18 people have registered for the hike; 2nd Annual Winter Dinner @ Paul Specht's house – TBA; Any ideas for new projects - if there's an existing loon nesting area, how may we enhance it?

George asked Jeff if any new ordinances have been recently approved by the town board. Jeff reported that Uniform Dwelling Code occupancy permit issues have been adopted by the town board, along with UDC permitting for additions of 750 sq. ft. or more. Work at the gravel pit on West Van Vliet was discussed. Cessation of quarrying operation is probably 2 or 3 years away, according to Jack Harrison, town chairman. Renn Karl contacted Jeff re ground water surfacing in the quarry.

Tom updated the Board re the Van Vliet Hemlocks: A resident reported she was unhappy about increased parking at the turnaround at the end of West Van Vliet Rd. and also unhappy about the Hemlock project. Jack Harrison, town chairman, advised Tom he'd have the town crew widen the area west of the entrance to BCPL lands to allow for parking.

As there was no further business, the meeting was closed by Ronie @ 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jorja Burke, Secretary

Unapproved Minutes