

Van Vliet Lake Association Board Meeting
August 18, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Ronie Jacobsen at 3:00 p.m.

In attendance: Ed Brodsky, Jeff Burke, Mike Czarny, Ronie Jacobsen, Tom Olson, Diane Schroeder and Jim Sprester.

Mike made a motion to appoint Diane Schroeder secretary and Mark Osberg to complete Diane's at-large position term, Ed seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Jeff reported the checking account balance of \$2321.84 with no outstanding bills due at this time. Onterra will be billing the association \$1815.00 when their report is final and complete. The WDNR reimbursement after the project is complete will be \$2321.88. We are also expecting reimbursement of \$487.50 from the CBCW grant sometime this fall.

CBCW: Mike and Ronie visited with Leah Dittberner, the summer intern at the Discovery Center who has been staffing our landing for this year's grant, and were pleased with her friendly approach and depth of knowledge. Mike made a motion we apply for the grant next year, again sharing the hours with Big Lake and Presque Isle Lake, Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ronie reported our volunteer hours are considerably lower than last year. Those willing to work the landing seem to be the same group and it would be nice to recruit some new volunteers. Those attending all volunteered to "cover" Labor Day weekend and the Muskie Tournament the following weekend.

Spending Discussion: Jeff made a motion for the VVLA to donate \$100.00 to the Friends of the Van Vliet Hemlocks again this year, Jim seconded and the motion was passed. Jeff wrote the check. Tom invited everyone to the Friends of VVH meeting/picnic at his home this Sunday.

The possibility of having a fall hike was discussed, and it was suggested that Zach Wilson or Licia Johnson might offer a slightly different approach to visiting the Hemlocks. Jim felt a \$100.00 fee would be the maximum we should spend. Ed will contact Zach and get back to the Board.

Gravel Pit Discussion: Ronie attended a meeting with the Carlin Lake Association re: gravel pit future usage after it is no longer in operation. Ideas for future use focused on remediation to a natural state and silent sport activities. The possibility of using it as a parking area for visitors to the West Hemlocks brought the issue of needing to cross over private land to reach the trails. Jeff hopes we can reach some good ideas for remediation, and keep the city apprised of our wishes. Ronie wrote a letter for the VVLA which the Board approved. She will send a copy to Bob Ruch, president of the Carlin Lake Association. The idea is for both organizations to present letters at a Presque Isle town board meeting and indicate a willingness to work with the town on this issue.

Onterra report: We are waiting for the next draft of the report that will analyze survey results. Of the 75 surveys sent out 38 were returned. Onterra stated this is a typical response, and of the 38 more than 50% were in favor of proceeding toward harvesting aquatic plants. Discussion

followed about whether the DNR will plan to revisit our lake and if they do would we want an Onterra representative to accompany that visit. Onterra joining DNR would be an additional cost of \$500 to \$600. All were in favor of continuing to move the process forward and applying for a harvesting permit after the DNR approves Onterra's report if that is the final recommendation. Steps required to move forward were discussed.

Fall Picnic: Potluck picnic to be Sat. Aug 30 @ Mike and Ronie's. Thanks Mike and Ronie.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Schroeder