

Van Vliet Lake Association Board Meeting June 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Ronie Jacobsen at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Ed Brodsky, Jeff Burke, Mike Czarny, Mark Osberg, Diane Schroeder and Jim Sprester. The purpose of the meeting was primarily to prepare the agenda for the upcoming annual meeting.

Ronie reported she spoke to Sara Fieweger, the new director of the Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce, regarding the walleye tournament and the fact that our landing was manned the entire tournament but was not heavily utilized by the fishermen. In the future the Chamber might include CBCW in the tournament information.

The request from Gene Somers to speak at the annual meeting, regarding buoys in Averill Lake, was voted by all to be allowed however not to be supported by our association. Extend invitation to Gene for lunch.

Larry Gorrilla has requested time to speak about the Wilderness Veterans Memorial Flame Foundation and again time will be allocated however no monetary support from our association.

At the annual meeting a brief synopsis of last year's minutes to be given by Diane, and Jeff to give the treasurer report. The election of officers. The reports: Hemlocks (Tom), Gravel pit (Ronie), buoy markers (Gene), aquatic plant management plan update introduction (Ronie), riparian navigability (Mike), prevention of AIS (Jeff), and shoreline condition of Van Vliet Lake and introduction of Quita Sheehan (Jim).

The final report from Onterra was presented to the board, Ronie reported she placed one copy at the library and has the others for anyone see. Ed's photo on the front shows why the study had been requested. Jeff reported he will mail all the documents for reimbursement (\$2,321.88) from the grant. The numerous past studies plus this final Onterra report are certainly proof of our efforts to give all Van Vliet property owners the best lake possible.

Discussion on a possible AIS monitoring program indicated there is a general lack of confidence in identifying native versus invasive plants. A pontoon boat training session might be a place to start. Anne Kretchmann from the Discovery Center was suggested. Someone from our lake could provide the boat for this effort and perhaps someone else could offer lunch/dinner. Ed offered his pontoon again as he did for the tour with Kevin and Quita on June 8th.

Jeff asked to be relieved of the job of water testing. We will ask for volunteers at the meeting.

Harvesting funding was discussed and with all the board members in favor of harvesting, a fund would be started by the board, the funds necessary for harvesting was estimated at \$9,000. Any funds received would be held until Sept. 1, 2015 and if we have sufficient funds to move forward an escrow account would be opened and held until harvesting is scheduled. Mike and Ronie will draft a letter for fund raising. Mark suggested it be available to all attending the annual meeting. Plus a mailing of the same letter at a later date.

The annual association picnic date was changed to August 22, from 1 to 4 p.m.. Meeting adjourned 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Schroeder