

Van Vliet Lake Association Annual Meeting  
July 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ronie Jacobsen at 10:30 am. Those in attendance were LaVergne Brodsky, Ed Brodsky, Jennifer Brown, Neil Brown, Jorja Burke, Jeff Burke, Susie Cerny, Pat Clifford, Bernie Clifford, Mike Czarny, Ronie Jacobsen, Matt Lewis, Barbara Olson, Tom Olson, Wendy Osberg, Mark Osberg, Nyle Potthast, Bob Potthast, Spencer Potthast, Judith Roche, Patrick Roche, Diane Schroeder, Bill Schroeder, Amy Sheldon, Bobbe Sisler, Andy Sisler, Jim Sprester, Rory Sullivan, and Bryan Sullivan.

Diane Schroeder gave a brief synopsis of 2020 meeting via email, stating the election of officers as President: Ronie Jacobsen, Secretary: Diane Schroeder, At Large: Jim Sprester, At Large: Richard Bernard. Richard has moved and his position has been replaced by Andy Sisler. Jeff Burke made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Jim Sprester, approved unanimously.

Jeff Burke gave the treasurer's report as follows: Beginning balance 7/27/20	\$ 1,670.21
Income Membership dues/contributions	<u>1,620.00</u>
Total	3,290.21
Disbursements	<u>1,239.91</u>
Total VVLA checking account	\$ 2,050.30
Total VVLA savings account	\$ 9,401.93

Mike Czarny made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Ed Brodsky seconded, approved unanimously.

Ronie Jacobsen stated the officers to be elected as: Ed Brosky: Vice President  
Jeff Burke: Treasurer  
At Large: Tom Olson and Mark Osberg

Diane Schroeder moved to accept the officers and Jim Sprester seconded, approved unanimously.

Ronie Jacobsen gave the membership report stating we have 59 members from 34 of the approximately 60 properties on the lake, this is the most since 2007.

Diane Schroeder reported that we have interns from the Discovery Center doing 50 hours of CBCW inspections at our landing. We participate in a grant with Big Lake and Presque Isle Lake where most of the cost of the interns is reimbursed by the WDNR. In past years we had also done volunteer inspections at the landing and if there is interest we could start that again.

Jim Sprester talked about the packet the Board put together and encouraged anyone to take one. Andy Sisler spoke about the welcome letter and VVLA website as a source of information.

Mark Osberg spoke regarding the rental properties on Van Vliet Lake; he reported that there are five rentals and that they are nearly rented full time. If anyone witnesses problem behavior with the renters, Ronie has a list of the parties to phone.

Ed Brodsky reported on three upcoming programs by the North Lakeland Discovery Center in the Van Vliet Hemlocks. There will be an evening canoe paddle on Van Vliet and Averill Lakes on August 12. Naturalist Ron Krueger will lead a hike focusing on plants on Saturday September 11. Discovery Center staff will offer both a morning and afternoon fall color hike on October 2. VV Hemlocks has lovely new signs on the East and West sides.

Tom Olson spoke on the Hemlocks and what a treasure the property is with a mile and a half of shore line completely cabin free. Patrick Roche asked if the Sugar Bush trail will be open to the public soon and Tom said it might be another year until that trail will be open due to an infestation of hemp nettle.

Ronie Jacobsen read the ordinance regarding lighting and wake restrictions in Presque Isle and specifically Van Vliet Lake.

Jeff Burke spoke about the use of wake boats stating a 250 HP motor can disturb the lake down sixteen feet thus disturbing the fish habitat, silt, detritus and phosphorus. Van Vliet Lake has an average depth of fourteen feet. He also stated the town of Presque Isle is divided on the wake boat issues.

Tom Olson added to the discussion regarding wake boats. It could be said that Muskie fishing brings more revenue to the local businesses than wake boating. He also mentioned the concern of the wake boats bringing water from one body of water to another which could bring invasive species into Van Vliet Lake. Under the proposed ordinance, it would still be legal to use a wake boat just not to make the enormous wakes.

Jeff Burke finished our topics with a discussion of the ATV ordinance. While the town is in favor of allowing ATVs on the roads, many people are opposed to this use. There is only one WI county banning ATVs and that is Door County. Presque Isle did vote in 2003 to maintain a ban on ATVs. Mike Czarny stated he has done research and has not been able to confirm that without a trail system, use of ATVs will increase the town's revenue by any significant amount.

Tom Olson spoke about a new group that has been formed to maintain our slogan of "Wisconsin's Last Wilderness" it is called the Last Wilderness Alliance. Tom spoke highly of the town ordinance committee and all the work they have done.

Discussion was open to the floor. A question was asked about people shooting weapons on their property. Mike Czarny said he has witnessed people using the gravel pit as a shooting range (illegally). He also mentioned a few gun ranges in the area to use. Jennifer Brown mentioned the annoying floating islands that are drifting directly into her dock area. Jeff offered to give her the name of a person who could advise her on this problem.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Schroeder, Secretary