

Van Vliet Lake Association – Spring, 2022

Dear Neighbor:

Greetings from the VVLA Board. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new property owners on the lake and in the neighborhood.

The purpose of the Van Vliet Lake Association is to preserve and protect Van Vliet Lake and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Van Vliet Lake as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations. The current Association has been working to achieve these goals since 1994.

Our website at www.vanvlietlake.com contains annual meeting minutes, board meeting minutes, lake photos, and a large amount of historical information about the various lake studies and other projects the Association has promoted. We welcome comments on the website as well as new photos to consider.

Mark your calendars for the VVLA annual meeting which is scheduled for Saturday, July 16 starting at 10 a.m. at Pipke Park. We had an excellent turnout for our meeting last year and hope to see just as many of you in 2022. We intend to schedule a speaker for the meeting. We also plan to have a pot luck lunch after the meeting to spend some time reconnecting.

We will be electing a President, Secretary, and two At large directors at the annual meeting. The Board will be nominating a slate of candidates. Please consider serving on the Board and let us know if you are interested in being nominated. Current Board members have all served multiple terms and we are looking for others to volunteer and help keep our organization active.

The VVLA has supported Clean Boats, Clean Waters inspections at our public landing since 2009. We have joined with Big Lake to be part of a WDNR grant that helps pay for 50 hours of paid intern inspectors at our landing each summer since 2013 (with the exception of 2020). Discovery Center interns will once again be working at the Van Vliet Lake boat landing during the summer of 2022 at a very modest net cost to us.

Whitewater Associates has completed their Aquatic Plant Management report for Van Vliet Lake which describes the plant population (no invasive species), assesses the lake shoreline, and offers some management goals for future consideration. We will discuss the report at our meeting.

Catherine Higley from Vilas County Land & Water Conservation Department is willing to run an aquatic plant identification class for us on Friday, Sep 2 from 1-3. This would be hands on – going out in a pontoon boat to collect and identify plants from our lake. We need at least four people to sign up to be able to offer the class. We will have a signup sheet at the meeting or you can send an email from our website to reserve a spot.

If you are considering any outdoor projects for your property, please remember the guidelines for a shoreland buffer zone to help prevent erosion and maintain the natural qualities of the shoreline. Other than a viewing corridor leading to the lake, homeowners should not remove natural vegetation within 50 feet of the shore. It is also encouraged to leave woody debris in the water near your shore to provide fish habitat.

Enclosed is a VVLA membership form. Please continue to support our efforts by renewing your membership or joining us as a new member. The association is how we can work together to preserve and protect our lake. We look forward to working together with you in the coming year.

Van Vliet Lake Association Board of Directors

Ronie Jacobsen	President	Jim Sprester	At large director
Ed Brodsky	Vice President	Mark Osberg	At large director
Jeff Burke	Treasurer	Tom Olson	At large director
Diane Schroeder	Secretary	Andy Sisler	At large director

Van Vliet Lake Association Annual Membership Drive 2022

Who is eligible to be a member of our Lake Association? Per our Bylaws, membership is open to any individual, family business, or organization, that (a) subscribes to the purposes of the Association and (b) owns or leases property within one mile of Van Vliet Lake or is resident within such property for at least one month each year. Membership dues are eligible for a charitable tax deduction.

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Lake Address (if different) _____

Home Phone # _____ Lake Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Membership Dues (\$15.00 x number joining) \$ _____ Mail to: Jeff Burke, VVLA Treasurer

Additional Donation \$ _____ 12099 Streator Rd

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Presque Isle, WI 54557