

Van Vliet Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ronie Jacobsen. In attendance were Ken Alix, Don Blom, Jeneane Blom, Kim Bowler, Camille Bowler, Ed Brodsky, La Vergne Brodsky, Jeff Burke, Mike Czarny, Ronie Jacobsen, George Kupfer, Pat Kupfer, Tom Olson, Bill Rauwald, Bill Schroeder, Diane Schroeder, Paul Specht, Jim Sprester, and Kathy Sprester.

Copies of the minutes of the July 13, 2013 meeting were available and linked documents were reported available on the web site. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kathy Sprester and seconded by Paul Specht, and unanimously approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Jeff Burke. Current paid memberships are 36 individuals and the current balance in checking account is \$2145.50. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mike Czarny and seconded by Ed Brodsky, and unanimously approved.

Election of officers was held, the slate of candidates nominated by the Board and their respective positions are as follows:

Ronie Jacobsen	President
No candidate	Secretary a two-year term
Mike Czarny	At large position
Jim Sprester	At large position

A motion to approve the slate of candidates was made by George Kupfer and seconded by Tom Olson, the motion passed with one opposed.

Tom Olson reported that the Van Vliet Hemlocks is now considered a State Natural Area. The entire project is in fact ten years ahead of schedule. WDNR Forestry Specialist Colleen Matula will lead a hike this summer on July 26 with the focus being on identification of ferns. The hike is free with registration available on the Discovery Center website. She will also work with the Friends groups on identification of any invasive species along the trail system.

Ed Brodsky has earned his title of Master Naturalist, congratulations, Ed.

Ronie reported the gravel pit is nearing the end of its usefulness as such and there is talk of it becoming a shooting range. The Carlin Lake Association is concerned about this idea and asked if the VVLA would like to join them in an effort to oppose this possibility. Discussion followed and the group generally opposed the idea of a shooting range. A motion was made by George Kupfer and seconded by Paul Specht to write a letter to the town stating our opposition and possibly follow up to work with the CLA. Individual letters will also be appropriate. Mike Czarny has written Jack Harrison stating his opposition. Mike also related that the area of the gravel pit does not fit the DNR guidelines of a shooting range. Paul Specht suggested a possible archery range. George Kupfer stated he originally opposed the land becoming a gravel pit but was assured by the town of Presque Isle at that time, they would remediate the land to its original

condition when the gravel pit ceased to be used.

Ronie reported on CBCW. For 2013 we paid \$162.50 for 50 hours of time at our landing, this amount was twenty five percent of the fee, the remainder was paid by the DNR. We also had 88 volunteer hours. We arranged for 50 hours again this year and this year the hours will all be covered by Leah Dittberner who is a Discovery Center seasonal employee. Ronie also asked for volunteers from our lake to serve as CBCW advocates. Sign-up sheet was available and ice packs and towels are available to give to boaters. A reminder: all supplies are in the box on the Frank's property near the landing. Regarding being retrained for duty, Ronie indicated that in addition to herself, the Burkes and Spresters had attended a training session and were familiar with the new form.

Ronie welcomed Eddie Heath from Onterra, LLC. Eddie gave a very professional and complete report on Aquatic Plant Management for Van Vliet Lake. The draft report from Onterra has been available for public review on the website since mid-April.

The shoreline condition mapping of our lake showed that only 7% of the shoreline is in either the Urbanized or Developed – Unnatural category which is excellent. The lake also has a large amount of Coarse Woody Habitat – Eddie stated that it was the most pieces he has recorded for a lake study.

He stated that our lake is aquatic species rich with 39 different native species although 4 species are the most common. Questions included concerns about harvesting in shallow bays and uprooting plants. Eddie replied that harvesting does not uproot the plants when done correctly. Another question indicated that harvesting fern pond only a few inches wouldn't be beneficial to better boat travel and cutting would put extra nutrients into the lake therefore causing an algae bloom. Eddie stated unequivocally harvesting 6.5 acres would not impact the entire lake with an algae bloom and would actually remove nutrients. Eddie did feel very ethical harvesters are available; however if harvesting were to be voted upon it might be difficult to contract someone to do such a small area.

Eddie was thanked by many for his excellent report. All in attendance were to take an envelope with the final survey to be filled out and returned to Ronie. All riparian stakeholders not in attendance will receive a survey via USPS. Onterra will report the results of the surveys returned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Schroeder

Acting Secretary