

VanVliet Lake Association Annual Meeting
June 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Ronie Jacobsen at 10:00 a.m. Those members in attendance were Ed Brodsky, Jeff Burke, Jorja Burke, Mike Czarny, Steve Frank, Ronie Jacobsen, George Kupfer, Pat Kupfer, Barb Novak, Barbara Olson, Tom Olson, Mark Osberg, Wendy Osberg, Bill Schroeder, Diane Schroeder, Paul Specht, Jim Sprester, Kathy Sprester and non members Larry Gorrilla, George Nelson and Quita Sheehan.

Diane Schroeder gave a synopsis of last year's minutes, Tom Olson made a motion to accept the minutes and Kathy Sprester seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Jeff Burke gave the treasurers report. Beginning balance	06/21/14	\$2,145.50
Income	06/21/14 to 06/20/15	2,372.50
Disbursements	06/21/14 to 06/20/15	2,897.56
Balance of today 6/20/15		1,620.44
Funds due from DNR grant finalization		2,321.88

Paul Specht asked what the total membership is and was told approximately 40.

George Kupfer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Paul Specht seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Election of officers:

Ronie stated Diane Schroeder accepted the position of secretary late in 2014 and Mark Osberg was appointed to the at large position vacated by Diane.

Vice president - Ed Brodsky

Treasurer - Jeff Burke

At large positions - Tom Olson and Mark Osberg

A motion to approve the slate of candidates was made by George Kupfer and seconded by Barbara Olson and the motion was unanimously approved.

Tom Olson gave his report on the Friends of the Hemlocks and stated that the group is well funded and said a hike for mushroom identification with Anne Small, will be at 2:00 p.m. August 30th. When asked what their funds are used for, Tom reported for education with school children, sign maintenance, and possible land acquisition. The parking situation was brought up with no resolution suggested.

Ronie reported the Board sent the town a letter regarding remediation of the gravel pit and was told the gravel pit will be active for approximately three more years, the town is aware of our concerns. Tom Olson stated the Friends of the Hemlock also notified the town of their concerns of possible use of the area.

Gene Somers was unable to be in attendance but wished we would be aware of his wishes for buoy markers in Averill. Paul Specht is interested in placing buoy markers around "Nancy's Island" to slow the traffic that circles that island. Jeff Burke said that markers without any possible enforcement is rather futile. Mike offered the DNR web site would give anyone the information necessary to pursue the

effort.

Ronie gave a review of the history of Aquatic Plant Management Plans dating back to 2004 , and the final draft and plan designed by Onterra, approved by the DNR, completed June 5, 2015.

Mike Czarny reported the goals of the plan are to maintain riparian navigability on Van Vliet Lake, prevent aquatic invasive species, and protect and restore the shoreland conditions. The earliest date of harvesting would be 2016, the last bid we received was for \$7,500.00 two years ago therefore keeping inflation in mind our goal for fund raising is \$9,000.00. The treasurer would hold all checks until September and deposit them if the funding goal is met, in an escrow account or if the goal is not met, return them to the donors on September 17th. The monies would only be used for mechanical harvesting. He reminded everyone that any donation would be a tax exemption. When asked if this would be an annual expense he stated the first year would be considered a trial year. He reiterated if you vote in favor of harvesting, a donation would be in order.

Jeff Burke spoke of the amount of aquatic plants recorded in 2004 was 20 species and in 2015 Onterra recorded 34 different species. Our CBCW efforts have been worthwhile and anyone willing to be a steward at our landing and take a shift would be welcomed. We reached out to Anne Kretchmann at the Discovery Center to ask if she would be willing to do a training tour of our lake with the intention of identifying any AIS, as we as a group do not feel qualified, she would be willing for a fee of approximately \$90.00 to \$150.00.

Jim Sprester spoke of the tour on our lake with Quita June 8th reporting that we have 45% natural or developed natural, 48% semi natural and less than 7% needing improvement. We can all improve our shoreland somewhat but all in all we should be proud of our lakes shoreland.

A motion to adopt the Onterra Aquatic Plant Management Plan Update was made by Bill Schroeder and seconded by Kathy Sprester. The motion was passed with two no votes from Paul Specht and Steve Frank.

Ronie introduced Quita Sheehan, Conservation Specialist for Vilas County Land and Water Conservation. Quita gave an excellent presentation of shoreland protection including suggestions for plants and trees to maintain the proper erosion protection. She described current thoughts on having a good habitat for fish. The importance of the three levels of protection, trees, shrubs and lowland growth. Quita also mentioned the available help from her department and the possibility of grants for shoreland reclamation.

Larry Gorrilla gave a presentation of the Wilderness Veterans Memorial Flame Foundation with a display of the proposed site.

Ronie adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Schroeder

