

Van Vliet Lake Association  
Board Meeting 05.07.11

Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm at the PI Library by VVLA President Ronie Jacobsen, Other board members in attendance: Jeff Burke, Jorja Burke, Mike Czarny, Tom Olson and Paul Specht. Absent: George Kupfer, Steve Smithson and Jill Wilm.

**Walleye Tournament May 13-15:** Jeff and Paul will each work boat landing ½ day on Saturday. Sunday morning, Jeff will cover. The PI Chamber will be advised that Friday needs coverage. The CBCW info box will be stored alongside the Frank's garage.

**Kiosk at Boat Landing:** Ronie asked for an update on guidelines for the posting of information on the kiosk at the boat landing. Ted Ritter, AIS/TIS Coordinator, is in the process of developing the rules for posting. Currently, anything to be posted on the Kiosk must have prior approval by the PI Town Lakes Committee and, as that approval is a condition of the grant awarded by the DNR, it is expected to remain one of the requirements.

**Clean Boats/Clean Waters:** The listed dates were discussed as the most needed for VVLA staffing at the boat landing because of the traffic during those times. Additional days staffed by VVLA members who find the time to do so would be welcome. Other VVLA members who might be available: Jim Sprester, the Schroeders, Ed Brodsky. The CBCW box of materials will be stored by the side of the Frank's garage as in past years once we get it in place. Volunteers are needed for: Walleye Tournament, May 13-15; Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30, @ least one day and possibly that would be Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> after the ribbon cutting at VVL Hemlocks; July 4<sup>th</sup>; Labor Day, Sept. 2-5; and the Muskie Fishing Tournament in the fall.

**Hike in the Hemlocks:** Shall VVLA sponsor another hike in the Hemlocks with a picnic to follow, mid to late August? To be discussed at future meetings.

**Fish cribs:** Motion by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul to table indefinitely. Discussion followed. Jeff withdrew the motion. Exploring fish cribbing possibilities is up to interested individuals.

**Musky Tournament:** VVLA will provide CBCW education only, the PI Chamber provides fish registration personnel.

**Second Annual Winter Dinner:** As the first dinner was such a success, a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual dinner will be planned for winter 2011. Depending upon the number of people attending, it could be held at Paul's House. Paul and Mike will organize the cooking.

**Membership Drive:** Per Paul, 42 members representing 26 households have responded to date. New members are Brett and Deanne Bussler. Jorja will check with Jill regarding undeliverable envelopes from the recent mailings.

**Annual Meeting, June 18<sup>th</sup>, PI Community Center:**

**Elections:** The following points were discussed: If there is lack of a candidate what about the possibility of reducing the number of board members; does the absentee ballot provision, which has never been used, hamper our ability to get candidates; and because the bylaws do not allow for nominations from the floor but they do allow for appointment of a member, by the board, to cover an unfilled position, If someone volunteers to serve on the board at the annual meeting is that taking a nomination by self from the floor, and do we defer to a board decision or accept at the meeting,

**Friends of Van Vliet Hemlocks:** Per Tom: The three organizations of Van Vliet Lake Association, Discovery Center and BCPL have created a strong group interested in the preservation of the Hemlock woods to be used as an educational opportunity. The name of the new group is Friends of the Van Vliet Lake Hemlocks and \$5915 in funds have been received to date. Affiliation with the Discovery Center has enhanced fundraising efforts. Signs are being installed to mark trails. BCPL information sign at the entrance will be made more clear to define no motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed in the area. The ribbon cutting ceremony at the entrance to the BCPL Hemlock tract will be at 10:00am on May 28<sup>th</sup>: Ribbon cutting @ Hemlock 10:00am. Possible speakers may include: Discovery Center (Sarah Johnson), Friends of VVL Hemlocks (Tom Olson), BCPL (Tia Nelson or John Schwartzman). A Bruce Nelson photograph has been donated by the artist as a drawing prize; Zach Wilson, of the Discovery Center may lead a hike in the area after the ceremony. Press releases will go to Lakeland Times and FYI newspapers by Tom. An e-mail will be distributed to VVLA membership by Ronie and to Friends of VVL Hemlocks by Sarah Johnson of the Discovery Center.

**Status APMP:** Jeff reported that the PI Town Lakes Committee is still withholding payments from Bonestroo (the company who performed the testing/report of VVL) until APMPs are finished! He also said that 4,000 volunteer hours have been banked with the DNR by PITLC for future projects.

Discussion followed regarding the future of the APMP and included issues on the lake such as navigation due to heavy weeds, what would the role of the lake association be? APMP gives people the opportunity to pursue weed control as outlined by the DNR. Without the APMP help for AIS infected lakes could not be had. The lake association is not in the weed cutting business itself but board members feel the association would back requests for help in securing information. Mike asked if PITLC is planning for the mandatory update for testing on lakes – Jorja reported that Nick has already brought this up at a town meeting and the Town Board is aware of the contract requirements. They will consider during their budget preparations for the designated years as required. Additionally, because of the scope of testing of lakes in Presque Isle, PITLC was invited to speak at the 2011 Lakes Conference. Dean, of Whitewater (the company currently testing/reporting on lakes in PI), spoke on behalf of PITLC at the conference which was also attended by Chair of that committee, Nick Williams. The power-point program created by Dean was presented by Nick at the last PITLC meeting. Mike will follow-up with Nick for additional information. Mike wondered if a machine/screen was available for use in presenting programs – he will ask Pam.

**Boat Landing and Native Plants:** A plant list submitted for plantings at the VVLA boat landing has been approved by the DNR. Nancy Frank is Chair and will schedule work dates with her crew.

**Knapweed spraying:** Jill will comment on the spraying at the boat landing. The application will be executed by a Powell Marsh employee, a certified applicator and with the permission of the DNR.

**Recap of past year** will be presented by Ronie

**Other items of discussion for Annual Meeting:**

Encourage membership in the lake association (Paul).

Reaffirm good ecological practices for lakefront owners: no phosphorus fertilizers, no clear cutting to shoreline. (Jeff)

Possible speaker from Discovery Center? Tom & Paul will define presentation of information.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Ronie @ 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jorja Burke, Secretary