

Minutes of Van Vliet Lake Association Board Meeting - December 10,
2012

Members in attendance: Ed Brodsky, Jeff Burke, Mike Czarny, Ronie Jacobsen,
Tom Olson, Paul Specht, Jim Sprester

The meeting was called to order by President Ronie Jacobsen at 3:10 pm. Jim Sprester was appointed as recording secretary.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. General Discussion of the Aquatic Plants and Algae Committee Report

Discussion was held on the committee report sent to the Board. This report indicated that the APMP for Van Vliet Lake supplied by Bonestroo/PITLC lacked the sufficient information now required by the WDNR to apply for and/or receive a mechanical harvesting permit. The committee's subsequent recommendation was to contract with Onterra LLC, a lake management planning company which has a record of repeated success working with the WDNR developing suitable APMPs for lakes conducting mechanical harvesting. There would be a cost for their services, but a sizable portion of it could be offset by a grant for which they will help the association apply. Paul suggested that the committee inquire if Onterra could offer other services or determine other actions to help the lake.

Ed moved that " \$1895 of lake association funds be expended for the purpose of supporting the \$3000 grant to pay for the proposed Onterra study." Tom seconded the motion. In discussion of the motion, Paul stated that as treasurer, he felt that depleting the association funds by \$1895 was not a wise idea. Tom cited the purpose of the association as stated in the bylaws, saying that he felt such an expenditure would align directly with that purpose and support our charge as Board Members. (Article 1 of the ByLaws states, "The purpose of the 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.") A vote was taken and the motion was approved 5 to 1.

Mike will contact Onterra to inform them of the Board's decision and will also inquire about other issues they may assist with in considering weed problems. Ronie will notify Lake Association Members and riparian owners of the Board's decision.

2. Other Business

a. Winter Dinner

This is set for January 26, 2013, at Kathy and Jim Sprester's home. More details will follow.

b. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held sometime in late April or early May. The agenda will include recommendations from the Bylaws Review Committee as well as normal planning and business issues.

c. Annual Meeting for 2013

The Annual Meeting is set for July 13, 2013. It was decided to invite Kevin Gauthier from the WDNR to that meeting. Topics and agenda items will be determined later.

d. Candidates for Open Board Positions

Solicitation for candidates for open Board positions must take place by late March. Ronie will sent out an email and/or a paper mailing regarding this. A notification of the Annual Meeting and a list of nominees needs to be sent out by early June.

- i. The Vice President and Treasurer positions are up for vote. The Secretary position is also open but can be filled as a Board appointment.
- ii. Two At-Large positions are also open.

e. Northern Highlands Forest Manager

Paul suggested that Steve Peterson, who fills the above position, be kept informed of association activities since he represents a large riparian interest. Ronie will follow through with that.

f. Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

Tom reported on his research into liability insurance for the Association and its officers. The cost through the Wisconsin Association of Lakes for \$1 million in liability coverage would be \$550. Defense coverage is also included.

g. Resignation of Treasurer

Paul Specht announced that he was resigning as Treasurer of the lake association. Jeff Burke volunteered to assume that position, and was appointed to serve as Treasurer of Van Vliet Lake Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sprester, Acting Secretary