

VVLA Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2013

Attending: Ed Brodsky, Jeff Burke, Mike Czarny, Ronie Jacobsen, Tom Olson, and Jim Sprester.

- 1) Ronie opened the meeting at 10 a.m. and volunteered to be recording secretary for this board meeting. Jim volunteered to be recording secretary for the annual meeting.
- 2) Membership update – we have 42 paid members from 24 households and have welcomed some new families to the organization. Some members turn in their dues at the annual meeting so numbers are not final.
- 3) Treasury report – Jeff indicated that our membership drive brought in additional donations that come close to covering our commitment for the grant. Initial deposit from the grant has been received. Payment was made for the student interns; 75% of that will be reimbursed in the fall.
- 4) Loon platform
 - a) Installed, no tenants
 - b) Permit good indefinitely at that location
 - c) The PI platform has a nesting pair and there is a nest on Averill Lake as well.
- 5) Hemlocks
 - a) VVLA representative on the board of the Friends is a two year term of office ending this summer. Jeff moved, Mike seconded, and the board approved appointing Ronie to another term in this position.
 - b) The VVLA has hired John Bates for a hike in the hemlocks the past three years and members have been very positive about this event. Ed moved, Jeff seconded and the board approved hiring John for a hike this year in early fall. Ronie will contact John.
 - c) The Friends of Van Vliet Hemlocks are about to send out a membership drive letter. Mike moved, Ed seconded and the board approved VVLA making a \$100 contribution as a partner organization as we have done in the past.
 - d) Friends will be asking VVLA for a letter of support for the Van Vliet Hemlocks in regard to the Northern Highland American Legion state forest master plan update. Mike moved, Jim seconded and the board approved writing a letter. Ronie will submit a first draft to the board when details are available of what is needed.
- 6) Clean Boats, Clean Waters efforts
 - a) Student interns have started; we will attempt to have a board member show up each time one is scheduled. Watching them interact with a boater is the goal as well as giving them the sense that there is some oversight of their hours. Ronie passed out the schedule of student hours and contacts were set up for the next three dates. Ronie asked for email updates on the meetings with the students.
 - b) Volunteer hours were assigned for July 4, 5, or 6. A student is working on July 7 so we will have coverage at the landing for the four days of the July 4 weekend.
 - c) Jeff reported that the landing was very busy last weekend (all parking spaces in use) with an informal musky tournament or fishing group. He volunteered to try to find out more information on the group so we can contact them to find out if this will be an ongoing activity.

- 7) Whitewater grant
 - a) Field work is tentatively scheduled for July 1 and 2.
 - b) This point intercept survey of aquatic plants repeats the plant survey done in 2008. The comparison of plants found at the survey points will be analyzed. This is also a method to identify if any aquatic invasive species are present in the lake.
- 8) Onterra grant
 - a) Field work will occur after the Whitewater work.
- 9) Annual meeting agenda was discussed and presentations assigned. Pot luck will follow the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronie Jacobsen, Recording Secretary