VAN VLIET NEWS

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ASSOCIATION FORMED

On October 29, 1994, the Steering Committee for the Van Vliet Lake Association met at Taylor's Alpine Lodge to discuss Articles of Incorporation and By-laws. Bryan Pierce of the U.W. Extension Office in Eagle River met with the Committee to discuss issues in the documents.

After discussing the issues, the Committee voted to change certain portions of the proposed Articles and By-laws and proceed with incoporation of the Association.

The major items discussed involved eligibility for membership in the Association and voting rights. In order to be a **qualified lake association** under the Wisconsin rules, membership must be open to all persons who own or lease property within 1 mile of the lake **or** who reside within 1 mile of the lake for 1 month each year. Since it was agreed at our original meeting that we would seek to be a qualified lake association, this was adopted.

Also, under the Wisconsin rules, all members must be eligible to vote. Any person who meets the eligibility requirements and has paid their dues will be eligible to vote.

Since membership is open to all who own or lease property **or** who reside for 1 month of the year within 1 mile of Van Vliet Lake, more than one person may join the Association from each property within the 1 mile area. The critical factor will be whether the person is an owner, lessee, or resident within the meaning of the rules.

The Committee also selected **interim officers** to serve until the first meeting of the Association. They are:

Tom Olson, President;
Forbes Taylor, Vice President;
Nancy Gross, Treasurer;
Jim Sprester, Secretary.

At the first meeting (July 2, 1995 at Taylor's Alpine Lodge), officers and the initial Board of the Association will be elected. In addition to the 4 officer positions, 2 at-large Board positions will be selected.

The Articles of Incorporation and By-laws have been filed with and approved by the State of Wisconsin. The necessary filing has been made with the Internal Revenue Service for qualification as a tax exempt organization and approval is expected shortly.

By-Laws will be available for you (if you request them in advance) at the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact one of the officers or inquire at the meeting in July.

1995 MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Van Vliet Lake Association is on a calendar year basis. You must be a member to vote at the meetings. With this mailing, we are soliciting your membership for 1995 (see the form enclosed). Minimum annual dues are $10 (more will be happily accepted).

1995 PLANS

Some of the plans for 1995 are: annual meeting on July 2nd with a program on either aquatic vegetation or fish management; development of a directory of residents on or near Van Vliet Lake; newsletters with information of interest to members; commencement of work of the standing committees (Water Quality, Fishing, Aquatic Plant and Algae Control, and History).

We are looking forward to having you join your neighbors on Van Vliet Lake to help us "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."

LOTS SELLING QUICKLY

The lots along Crab Lake Road at the south end of Van Vliet Lake have sold quickly. We are advised that there are accepted offers on four of the five lots.

Construction is moving along rapidly on two of the lots. The new are owners are Paul & Sharon Specht of Verona, WI and Steve & Nancy Frank of Madison.

We look forward to meeting our new neighbors and welcoming them to Van Vliet Lake. We certainly concur in their good taste in selecting Van Vliet Lake as a location for their lake homes.

INTERIM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Interim President Tom Olson has asked the following individuals to serve as chairs of the following committees until the first annual meeting.

Aquatic Plant & Algae Control
Jim Rottman
4426 N. Winchester
Chicago, IL 60640
312-561-1363

Water Quality
Renn Karl
HC1 Box 117
Presque Isle, WI 54557
715-686-2369

Fishing
We need a volunteer
WRITE Tom Olson at
837 Sauk Ridge Trail
Madison, WI 53717

History
Barbara Novak
HC1 Box 109
Presque Isle, WI 54557
(715) 686-2825

Each of these volunteers will need your help and interest to make the Committees work. Please contact the Chair of the Committee in which you have an interest.

We would like each Committee to be able to report on its activities (or planned activities) at our meeting in July. We will also keep you up to date on activities through the newsletter.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Bill and Sue Treb are new neighbors. They purchased the property a few doors south of Novak's Landing (formerly

Carsten's) on the west shore. Please welcome them!

ANNUAL MEETING

The first annual meeting of the Association will be held on July 2, 1995 at Taylor's Alpine Lodge - probably at 2 PM. As mentioned earlier, the program will likely focus either on water quality or aquatic plants - based on the areas of highest interest.

We will also select our officers and Board of Directors. Please be prepared to serve the organization in some way if at all possible.

INTERESTING WINTER

After a snowless start, January saw a little snow to help the snowmobilers - but not enough to save what was a tough season for the snowmobilers and the local businesses which depend on them.

March saw a big snowfall in time for the first weekend, but it was all gone by the middle of the month. Mud was in and road limits were on by the middle of March.

We were at our cabin for the weekend of March 18th and saw several eagles in the area - much to our surprise.

MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP

_____
Name

_____
Address

_____
City, State, Zip Code

I am interested in serving on the

Aquatic Plant & Algae Control Committee_____

Water Quality Committee _____

Fishing Committee _____

History Committee _____

Other _____

Enclosed please find my membership check in the amount of

_____ **(min.$10) payable to Van Vliet Lake Assn, Inc.**

Mail To: Nancy Gross, Treasurer
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