Van Vliet Views

Spring, 2005

Attendance Urged for Annual Meeting

With timely, significant issues on the agenda, and a PROMISE TO BE ADJOURNED BY 4:00 p.m., won't you consider attending and being an active part of this year's annual meeting?

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2005
TIME: 1:00-4:00 P.M.
PLACE: PRESQUE ISLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Your input is needed on ALL agenda items:

- ☼status of the Lake Management Plan
- ☼rezoning issue
- ☼Van Vliet Hemlock preservation effort
- ☼elections to board positions

PLEASE MARK THE DATE. NEW FACES ARE WELCOME!!!!!!

Lake Management Plan

Good progress is being made on the LMP. A draft of the report has been received and reviewed by the board members. It is fascinating and impressively compiled with photographs, charts, graphs and scientific observations. The hard work of many has clearly paid off.

HOWEVER, it is only the first step in getting to a long range comprehensive plan. Please consider taking an active role. If you have already taken part in volunteer activities, please email Steve Smithson, steve@smithson-associates.com, to verify IN KIND hours. Include your name, activity, date of work and number of hours.

A formal presentation of the LMP to date will be given at the **annual meeting.**

http://www.vanvlietlake.com

Nominees for Board Positions

Several members of the board are up for re election:

*Nancy Frank- treasurer
*Jim Sprester- secretary
*Jeff Burke- at-large
*Dick Novak- at-large

Elections will be held at the **Annual Meeting.**

New people are encouraged to submit their names for nomination. Contact Tom Olson, tolaf@charter.net if you think you might like to be on the board. Nominations will also be accepted on the floor the day of the meeting.

Van Vliet Lake History

Part of the Lake Planning Grant application involves writing a history of Van Vliet Lake and the surrounding area. This portion is to include information on geographic characteristics, early settlers, history (including early commerce and industrial type activities), and other interesting general local history.

Jim Sprester has generously agreed to be in charge of this aspect of the planning grant and has been enthusiastically working on it.

"Needless to say, I'm looking for help- lots of it," says Jim.

He would welcome any and all help that you would be able to give him. He is particularly interested in articles, clippings, books, etc., that tell of the early settlement and development of the area. If you have, or could direct him to, any of that type of material, or interesting anecdotes that you could relate, or preferably write up, please contact Jim. Think of things that you think would be interesting for people to learn about Van Vliet Lake, its inhabitants (human or otherwise) through the years, its part in the fur trade, logging, resort and tourism industries, its reputation for fishing, etc.. Old photos taken on or around Van Vliet are needed as well, and would be returned.

Jim Sprester, home:262 367-7321
cabin:715 686-2613
email: ksprester@core.com
home address:
N54 W33365 Terrace Dr.
Nashotah, WI 53058

Van Vliet Lake Wildlife Report

In order to fulfill the requirements of our Lake Planning Grant, we must put in a certain amount of "in kind" hours. Many Association members have been doing that by keeping a "Wildlife Report" of creatures they have observed on and around their property or near Van Vliet Lake. It's easy, fun, informative and the hours add up quickly. Here is a sample:

DATE	KIND OF ANIMAL	LOCATION	COMMENTS
3/12	American robin	puddle in yard	first one of the season!!!
3/15	fisher	under bird feeder	very black; eating seeds
4/1	phoebe	perched on clothesline	singing distinctive "feebee"
4/1	raccoon	woods by the shed	3 legs - comes back each year

That's all there is to it. If you fill out one of the available sheets with 20 entries on it, figure about 5 minutes per entry, that's 100 "in kind" minutes!

Forms are available on the website, or email the editor, teachnomore@centurytel.net.

If you have not returned your card indicating your vote on the rezoning issue, please do so now. More info? Jeff Burke, cte26875@centurytel.net

The ice went out on Van Vliet Lake on April 14 th.

"An optimist is the human personification of spring."

–Susan J. Bissonette