VAN VLIET NEWS

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ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 13TH

This year's annual meeting will be held on **SundayJuly 13th** at the **Presque Isle Community Building** in Presque Isle. It will start at **1:00 PM**.

The agenda will include the following:

* Report from Mike Coshun of the DNR on various topics (see article on Board meeting)
* Committee Reports
* Treasurer's Report
* Election of Board (1 at-large member)
* Election of Secretary and Treasurer

BOARD/ COMMITTEE MEETING

On Saturday, May 31st, the Board and Committee Chairs held a meeting at Tom & Barbara Olson's cabin. Present were Nancy Gross, Jim Sprester, Jim Freckman, Renn Karl, Barb Novak, Steve Frank, Tom Olson and Barbara Olson. Mike Coshun of the DNR attended as a guest and reported on several matters.

All of the matters reported here a by Mike Coshun will be reported on in more detail at the Annual Meeting in July.

BOAT LANDING

Mr. Coshun described the re-organization of the DNR which will result in lakes being managed on an integrated basis by specialists in fisheries, water quality, plant management, and other appropriate specialties. Mr. Coshun is the overall supervisor of these teams for our area.

He updated us regarding the boat landing. It appears that only lot #2 will be used for the landing. The DNR has received some preliminary designs from a landscape architect which are aimed at minimizing the impact on the site from the standpoint of destruction of vegetation. The designs appear to be creative and different from those normally developed by the DNR. Frequent mention was made of the boat landing at Oxbow Lake as a particularly bad example of boat landing development from the perspective of impact on the site.

Mr. Coshun will bring several alternative design ideas to the annual meeting. The Association will be afforded the opportunity to continue to work with the DNR on design of the site. We will seek to have a committee of members appointed to act on behalf of the Association regarding the design. Please think about serving on this important committee.

It is likely that any design would be submitted for approval later this year and built into a subsequent DNR budget. Construction is probably at least two years away.

LAKE TESTING/AERATION

Renn Karl performed some oxygen tests during February which indicated reduced but not dangerously low levels of oxygen in the lake. In April, DNR, at the request of the Association, also performed some tests. These tests showed very low levels of oxygen in several of the test sites on the lake.

By all accounts, there was no evidence reported of a fish kill this year. Last year several residents indicated seeing a kill.

Mr. Coshun presented a preliminary plan for the aeration of Van Vliet Lake during the Winter. Under his proposal, the DNR would supply the aeration equipment, and the Association would need to supply people to set up and manage the equipment. The Association would also be responsible for the cost of electricity to run the aeration equipment. Only a deep area of the lake would apparently need to be aerated to have the desired impact.

Mr. Coshun will discuss the impact of such a project on the lake at our annual meeting. We will also attempt to have a budget for the project.

Those present viewed this as a very favorable development. Your input will be sought at the Annual Meeting.

PLANNING PROCESS

Mr. Coshun also revisited the lake planning process. He will report at the Annual Meeting on degree of assistance which can be given by the DNR. As reported earlier, the individual who was assigned a year ago to work with us has taken another assignment.

MEMBERSHIP/TREASURER'S REPORT

Nancy Gross reported that memberships have been coming in regularly and that the balance in our account was $1303 at the time of the meeting.

THANKS TO NANCY GROSS

Nancy has been our Treasurer since the beginning of the Association. She and Ken plan to spend more time in Arizona in future years, and she will not be standing for re-election as our Treasurer. She has done a great job for us and we will miss her.

This means we will need to have a volunteer to take over the Treasurer's job. Please contact Tom Olson at 837 Sauk Ridge Trail, Madison, WI 53717 if you are interested.

We will all look forward to our Annual Meeting so that we can hear more from Mr. Coshun and the DNR regarding plans and actions for Van Vliet Lake.

4TH OF JULY CAMPFIRE

Barb Novak has again invited everyone to attend a campfire on her island over the 4th of July weekend. This year's campfire will be held on **July 5th** beginning anytime after 7:00 PM. The rain date will be July 12th. Please bring your own bug spray, snacks, drinks, flashlights, jokes and smiles. This is always a lot of fun.

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS

There are several new property owners on the lake. We need more information on several of them, but here is what I have.

Robert Stewart bought Exclamation Point. Mr. Stewart is from Fontana, WI.

Barb and Jim MacAdam have purchased Boeker's place.

Tom and Victoria Klein have purchased the Martin's place.

Ed and LaVerne Brodsky bought the Geffer's place.

FYI

The Presque Isle Town Ordinance's provide that water skiing is allowed from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Jet skis are allowed between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM, and you must stay 200 feet from shore (or no wake).