VAN VLIET NEWS

Summer 2001

(Photo by Steve Frank)

New landing on Van Vliet

Annual Meeting Actions

1. **Support the petition to lessen the lighting at the Ojibway Correctional Facility in the UP.**
2. **Request that the Town ban parking along Crab Lake Road within at least 500' of the entrance to the new landing on Van Vliet.**
3. **Take no action on potential rezoning until after the Town of Presque Isle finishes its zoning activities.**
4. **Direct Board of Directors to work with DNR on "adopting" landing and continue to work on landscaping issues.**

Boat Landing Plans Change

The new landing on Van Vliet does not look like the plans earlier presented to the association. Due to the grade of the land, creation of the "fingers" for parking would have resulted in more destruction of vegetation than desirable.

Steve Frank has been working very closely with DNR staff to develop the most "lake friendly" and "neighbor friendly" options for the boat landing. DNR staff has indicated that there is money available for additional plantings when the landing has been completed.

In addition, the plans included the installation of lighting at the landing. All involved worked closely with the DNR to remove the light from the plans.

The new landing is open. Thanks to all for the hard work to get the result shown above.

Boat Landing - continued

At our meeting, there was a discussion to "adopt" the new landing. This concept is similar to that of individuals adopting a stretch of road to provide trash removal. There is not much precedent for this in Wisconsin, so we are working through the matter. The Board will work with the DNR on this idea.

A careful reading of the rules of the DNR on naming of properties has caused us to conclude that current rules will not allow the naming of the landing for Jules Novak. These rules provide for namings where there has been a substantial gift or where the individual has had some impact on the management of resources. As fine a person as Jules was, it appears that the current rules do not allow for naming the landing for him. In your surveys, you gave overwhelming support to naming the landing in Jules memory.

Concern was raised about potential parking along Crab Lake Road at times when the landing might be crowded. The concerns are twofold: safety and an imposition on the neighbors along Crab Lake Road. The association has directed that the president write to the Town Board to seek restrictions on parking along Crab Lake Road.

The landing is now in use in time for late summer and fall boating and fishing.

Wilderness Skies

Tom Preston gave a brief presentation seeking support for a petition to obtain a reduction in the lighting at the Ojibway Correctional Facility in the UP. The light in the sky is clearly visible when looking north from Van Vliet. The facility is a medium security facility.

He also provided information on lighting which is friendly to neighbors along the lakeshore. Please pay attention to the lighting which you use on the lakeshore. When possible attempt to use lights which do not shine above the horizontal plane to avoid light pollution.

For more information, visit their website at http://home.centurytel.net/wildernessskies/ .

The members present voted unanimously to have the association support the petition

Rezoning

The vote of the membership favored rezoning to residential by a very small margin. This would not have been sufficient support proceeding. In addition, the Town of Presque Isle is currently involved in studying zoning possibilities. As a result, those present at the meeting felt is best to watch the activities of the Town carefully

Association Board/News

Current Board members Jim Sprester, Nancy Frank and Barb Novak were re-elected. Barb MacAdam advised that Jim did not care to continue to serve on the Board. As a result, Tim Bowler was elected to serve Jim's unexpired term. Also, Forbes Taylor has resigned and Jill Wilm has been appointed to replace him as Vice President. The current Board is:

Tom Olson	-	President
Jill Wilm	-	Vice President
Jim Sprester	-	Secretary
Nancy Frank	-	Treasurer
Barb Novak	-	At-large
Tim Bowler	-	At-large

The association remains in good financial shape. Treasurer, Nancy Frank, reports that the balance on hand as of July 1, 2001 was $2,647.68. We are a member of both the Wisconsin and Vilas County lakes associations.

Many thanks to Dave Sidlo for his donation in the printing of this newsletter!

MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP

Name_____

Home Address_____Please check if new address____

City, State, Zip Code_____

Lake Address_____Fire #_____

Home phone_____Lake Phone_____

E-mail address_____

I am interested in serving on the

— Aquatic Plant and Algae Committee _____

— Water Quality Committee _____

— Fishing Committee _____

— History Committee _____

Suggestions on areas of focus for Association:_____

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Other Comments_____

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Enclosed please find my membership check in the amount of

(min. $10) payable to the Van Vliet Lake Association, Inc.

Your membership is tax deductible. Your check is your receipt.

Mail to: Nancy Frank, Treasurer
Van Vliet Lake Assn, Inc.
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