

**VELA General Meeting  
September 7, 2013  
10AM Oscoda Township Conference Center**

**Minutes**

**Board Attendees:** Ron Mathison, Carole & Joe Plunkey, Janice Wilber, Paul Rekowski, Doug Jager (Weed Chair), **Absent:** Greg Cole, Leonard Brockhahn, Tom James, Tim Arnold, Paul Merdzinski (dam operator)

President Ron called meeting to order @1003. Advised the addition of Tim Arnold as new board member and the re-election by the board of the same officers as last year.

Minutes read by Joe Plunkey from the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were no corrections and placed on file.

Treasurers report by Ron total balance around \$20,000, and membership @ 299.

Endowment fund \$13,088.29 - \$11,010, reserve \$822.54 and spendable \$1,255.75. Carole indicated brochures are on the table explaining purpose and where to contribute.

The next PR/VEL meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup>. Soil erosion project completed and River Keeper program continues per Carole. Macroinvertebrates sampling in October seeking volunteers. Phragmites near the "Y" camp to be removed this Fall. Don Banks recommended the use of a new product for Phragmites, Clear Cast. Carole to contact Huron Pines. Invasive species monitoring continues.

Weed control very effective this year. Pete Filpansick failed to arrive.

Boat ramp fees to be discussed by township board @ budget meeting. They will also address the proposed waste water disposal system point of sale ordinance. The testing of algae for toxins reported by Pete was microcystins @ 34.4 ppb with the WHO standard for toxicity @ 20 ppb. The major risk is ingestion and open wounds.

There was a discussion on improving the notification process prior to chemical applications.

Adjourned @ 1105.

Joe Plunkey  
Secretary