

**VELA Fall Meeting
September8, 2012
10AM Os coda Twp. Conference Room**

Minutes

Called to order @10:02AM by President Ron Mathison who introduced the board members: Carole and Joe Plunkey, Leonard Brockhahn, Greg Cole, Paul Rekowski. Absent: Janice Wilber, Tom James, Larry Evans.

Minutes of the July 7, 2012 meeting read by secretary, Joe, and accepted.

Treasurer, Leonard, distributed detailed report to members present. Checking = \$6,710.20; Savings = \$10,720.39. Income since 5/17/2012 = \$1,290.80. Picnic cost of \$919 offset by \$530 of income leaving a cost of \$388 for the picnic.

Carole reported the Endowment fund @ \$11,440.94 with \$821.20 the spendable portion. The next newsletter will go out in mid-October. PR/VEL has received acknowledgement that the IRS has received their 501 c 3 application – awaiting further response. The Pine River from the lake to Kings Corner Road has been made more navigable for canoes and kayaks. The next meeting is 10/25/12 @ 10AM in the Greenbush Twp. Hall. She urged all to attend.

Leonard reported membership @ 308.

Ron reported for Larry that the coontail weeds require mechanical harvesting and will be looked at next year. The algal bloom this year is the worst anyone can remember, however, the riparian owners need to avoid use of all fertilizer on their property and maintenance of septic systems to assist in the reduction of this bloom. Dan Stock noted that the phosphorus level in the Pine River has been in the 30's this year. He recommended testing the algae for toxins next year.

Paul reported on the fish ladder discussion at the PR/VEL meeting. The primary concern is the sea lamprey. He has written legislatures to express his support for the fish ladder and urged all to write their legislatures as well.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:08AM.

Joe Plunkey
Secretary