

VELA General Meeting
May 31, 2014
Oscoda Township Conference Center

Minutes

Present: Ron Mathison, Carole & Joe Plunkey, Janice Wilber, Greg Cole, Leonard Brockhahn, Tom James, Tim Arnold, Doug Jager (weed chair), Paul Merdzinski (dam operator), Dan Stock (quality control), Pete Filpanseck (Lake Pro). Absent: Paul Rekowski.

President Ron introduced board members and welcomed attendees. He reported on the progress of the SAD.

Minutes from the September 7, 2013 general meeting were read by Joe and placed on file as presented.

Leonard reported \$9,016.08 in checking and \$10,074.14 in savings. He reported membership @ 288.

Carole indicated \$1,772.23 spendable in the endowment fund of \$15,655.98.

Carole reported on the PRVEL Watershed Coalition - a partnership of PR/VEL with the Ausable River Watershed has resulted in approval to complete 2 road stream crossings and 2 soil erosion sites. PR/VEL is responsible for \$1,000.00 cost sharing with the Ausable Watershed Project. They are seeking funds from all – individuals and businesses. PR/VEL is working with Huron Pines to monitor an 80 acre reference area along the Pine River for invasive species. Joe P worked with another PRVEL volunteer and Huron Pines representatives to spray invasive species in the Riverbank Park on River Road near the bridge. These are ongoing projects by PR/VEL. Also reported - The Iosco Walleye Association is seeking operating funds – they provide us with fingerlings every 2 years.

Paul M explained the new power (electric) operation of the dam gates. There is one mechanical backup in case of a power failure. The overall effectiveness of maintaining an acceptable water level was great this Spring.

LakePro's Pete Filpansick reported on the tentative plans for weed control this year. Invasive plant Eurasian mil foil and nuisance vegetation are the primary targets. Blue-green algae will be monitored for microcystins. Notifications of chemical treatments will be as clear and in advance as possible. If you want to report weeds directly to Pete, go to their web site (lakeproinc.com) and try to identify the weed you see with their pictures of specific weeds.

Ron reported on the boat ramp fees letter to the township (to wave the fee for lake property owners), which he sent last Fall for the board to address. No response received as of this date. Township Supervisor Jim Baier in attendance – he indicated board was not going to change current fees. The point of sale ordinance regarding the septic system inspections was also mentioned. Mr. Baier indicated perhaps one issue at a time (referring to the request for SAD renewal) would be appropriate.

Adjourned @ 1120.

Respectfully Submitted
Joe Plunkey