

**VELA General Meeting  
June 1, 2013  
10AM Oscoda Township Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

President Ron Mathison opened the meeting @ 10:00AM by introducing the board members present: Larry Evans, Carole & Joe Plunkey, Leonard Brockhahn, lake monitor – Dan Stock, and Paul Rekowski. (Absent were Greg Cole, Janice Wilber, and Tom James).

Minutes of the 9/8/12 meeting were read by Joe without comment.

Leonard reported savings account balance of \$10,737.02; checking - \$8,721.07. He reported membership of 286 currently.

Carole reported on the Endowment Fund - \$10,737.02 with a spendable amount of \$1,255.75 and total liabilities and assets of \$12,609.45. She reported on the PR/VELA watershed that the IRS sent a letter requesting further “tweaking” of the application for 501 c 3 status. Currently have 10 river keepers. Asking all to report any wildlife seen in the watershed. Next meeting July 25, 2013 @ 10:00AM in the Greenbush Township Hall.

Dan reported that a Spring Phosphorous level was obtained but results are pending. Water clarity has been around 4 feet during May readings and the water temperature has just recently risen.

Larry indicated that LakePro continues as our lake monitor and will be out to survey next week. PLM was awarded the contract for herbicide application and, being the only bidder, the contract for mechanical harvesting.

Ron reminded everyone that our July meeting is for election of new board members – anyone interested should contact any member of the board. Picnic will be 8/3/2013 – all to bring a dish to pass. Any lost property in the lake is listed on the recent email sent to members. He cautioned all to be aware of debris floating or submerged in the lake. A contractor will be out tomorrow to remove (or bid on the removal) of logs in the lake – 10 sites are known. Ron is developing a letter to send to Oscoda Township Board requesting that VELA members NOT have to pay the boat ramp fees for their boats. This letter to be presented to the board on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the regular township board meeting. Ron is still looking for someone to maintain the VELA website.

Open Discussion:

Fish ladder was brought up and all are encouraged to write their legislatures.

The possibility of our current dam being able to be an overflow dam will be address to the drain commisioner and he will be invited to our July meeting.

Adjourned @ 11:00AM

Joe Plunkey  
Secretary