



Van Etten Lake Association (VELA)
JUNE GENERAL MEETING
June 4, 2022 – 10:00 AM, Ken Ratliff Park

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** at 10:04a.m. Seven board member present. Leif Lindbolm and Leonard Brockhahn were excused. Ten stakeholders attended.
 - Pledge
 - Introductions

- II. **Approval of Minutes** (September 2021 General Meeting) – Celeste Creger (Approved)

- III. **BOD Presidents Comments** – Rick Copland
 - General Comments and Updates
 - Membership dues forms are late this year due to some changeover on the board.
 - Dian Banks will be investigating on-line opportunities for dues payments.
 - How to report foam link on the website is incorrect, will endeavor to update the link when the information is available.
 - The Board of Directors is reviewing the website to hopefully make it more user friendly
 - Handicap access at Ken Ratliff Park – Have not received any updates from the Township
 - As requested by some members, VELA will email weed treatments dates to members when we receive the information from Lake Pro
 - There are new 2022 Eat Safe Fish Guides posted on the MIDHHS website.
 - Volunteer Opportunities
 - Board Members (Elections at July 9 Annual Meeting) – Two positions will be open
 - Committees – **volunteers always needed**

- IV. **Reports**
 - **Treasurer** - Leonard Brockhahn (Rick Copland)
 - Current Financials

Saving	\$18,222.59
Checking	<u>\$ 3,979.27</u>
Total	\$22,201.86
 - Endowment Fund – Total amt. \$20,535.00 Spendable amt. \$8,000.00
Rick and Leonard will be scheduling a meeting with the advisor to have a better understanding on how the Endowment fund works.

 - **Weed Committee** – Leonard Brockhahn (Dan Banks)

Lake Pro surveyed the lake on June 1, not many surface weeds. Using a sophisticated sonar to determine and record the mass, density, location of the weeds. A program creates a map of the data. Lake Pro writes a prescription/treatment plan to present to the VELA Weed Committee for approval. The approved plan is presented to Oscoda Township and, once approved, is given to Clarke. Signs will be posted the day before the treatment day.

 - Logs – Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed (PRVEL) tries to keep our waterways clean and flowing. Please, if possible, for safety reasons remove logs and debris from your shoreline.

 - **Membership** – Diane Banks
315 members

 - **Lake Monitor** – Dan Stock
The 2021 clarity average 6.6ft. 2020 average 6.0 ft, 10yr average 6.7 ft. average mid lake temp. 70. Deg. The 2021 spring overturn phosphorus concentration reported by a contract lab was 21 parts per billion {ppb}, which is thought to be a good estimate. The 2020 phosphorus was 64 ppb reported

by a private lab. The 10 yr. spring average is 24.3 ppb. The 2021 summer sample sent to the state was 63 ppb. The 2020 sample was 49 ppb reported by private lab. The 10 yr. average is 45.0 ppb.

Five Chlorophyll A testing samples were collected in 2021 median 6.5 ppb, Max. 31 ppb, min. 4.1 ppb. The 10 yr. average median value is 6.9 ppb.

We are again this year participating in CLMP monitoring program. Weekly clarity sampling started in mid-May. Average result to date are 5ft, May average over the last 10 years is 5.4 ft.

Spring Phosphorus sample has been taken, result hopefully in September. Chlorophyll-A samples will be taken monthly until September. We should have results in the fall.

Sampling help is needed July15 – August 15 please contact Dan at 989-739-4239 or dstock4239@charter.net

- **Picnic Committee** – Carol Plunkey

August 6, 6:00 pm Warrior Pavilion. Bring a dish to pass. 50/50 raffle, silent auction, cornhole game. Prizes for the kids, VELA provides meat, potato salad, drinks. **Volunteers always welcome!**

V. **Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Update** (Dan Stock– RAB Representatives)

Air Force is actively collecting data for preparation of its Remedial Investigation Report (RI), second official step in a multi-step process to a final plan needed to clean up the base.

Clarke Marsh IRA – Installation of additional interceptor wells to capture, treat groundwater flow from the fire training area is being constructed. Wells operating by August 2022

Van Etten Lake IRA- Installation of a series of interceptor wells parallel to F-41 to capture and treat PFAS laden groundwater flowing into the lake. Construction started in March, wells operating by Sept 2022.

East side of Van Etten – Air Force and EGLE still determining who is responsible for the source and clean-up of PFAS in the south-east corner.

Explosive Ordinance Disposal Range- Interim remedial investigation (IRI) has just started north of the base (SiteOT049) north of Rea Rd, F-41, the shooting range. The contract to start work on the plan is to be awarded in July. Any recovered munitions, explosives will be detonated.

VI. **Need Our Water (NOW) Update** (Victoria Targosz – NOW Representative)

Now encourages Van Etten Lake property owners to participate in RAB and the State meetings.

Exposure Assessment (blood testing by the state) is happening through the rest of the year.

DHHS PFAS is having a virtual Community Meeting June 22 from 6-8pm. The information on this meeting and a link to join was previously emailed to VELA members.

VII. **Comment/Question Period** – Question concerning the lake level? Please contact the county Drain Commissioner, Fred Strauer, (989) 984-1052 or ioscodrain2@ioscocounty.org.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04am

Respectfully submitted by Celeste Creger, Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

Annual Meeting: Saturday, July 9, 2022 – 10:00am,
Ken Ratliff Park

General Meeting: Saturday, September 10, 2022 –
10:00am, Ken Ratliff Park

Annual Picnic (Mark your Calendars):

Saturday, August 6, 2022 – 6:00pm

Ken Ratliff Memorial Park – Warrior Pavilion