

**VELA Board Meeting  
May 17, 2012  
10AM Statewide Real Estate Office 335 S. State St.**

**MINUTES**

Attendees: Ron Mathison, Carole and Joe Plunkey, Dan Stock, Larry Evans, Paul Merdzinski, Greg Cole, Leonard Brockhahn, and Paul Rekowski. Absent: Janice Wilber and Tom James.

Called to order by President Ron Mathison @ 10AM. Agenda adjusted to begin with Membership.

Shirley Brockhahn reports total membership @ 295. 23 new, 19non-2012 renewals – 19, 2012 members not renewed – 41, 2012 renewals -220, multiple year members – 29, complimentary members – 2. Members on 12/2011 – 303.

Minutes of 1/3/2012 meeting read by Secretary Joe Plunkey and approved with minor spelling correction – Don to Dan.

Treasurer report by Leonard Brockhahn: Income - \$5,371.00, Expenses - \$1,105.48. Balance today in checking - \$11,608.83 and savings - \$5,722.54.

Endowment Fund reported by Carole Plunkey: \$11,683.01 with \$821.20 the spendable portion. May newsletter in mail, next newsletter in the Fall.

Ron Mathison reports picnic plans will be arranged by Janice Wilber to be held 8/4/12.

Weed Committee report by Larry Evans: LakePro doing survey of lake today and committee to meet on 5/22/12 @ 10AM in Ann Richards office. Anticipate need for aggressive weed treatments.

Watershed report by Carole Plunkey: Application for 501 c. 3. status progressing. Soil erosion still a major issue with little prospect for resolution. Open Forum for all sides regarding fish ladder to be presented at next meeting 7/26/12 @ 10AM in Greenbush Township hall.

Paul Merdzinski reports dam gates fully closed today – may take several days to fill lake as little rainfall this Spring. Discussed dam maintenance responsibilities and Ron to contact drain commissioner for clarification.

Septic Ordinance report by Dan Stock: Reviewed with Doug Getty @ Health Department and corrections made to address their concerns. This will be presented to our township board for action.

Ron reported flood insurance issue has always been there, however, only recently pushed by the Federal government due to the nationwide flooding issues. Locations above 593 feet should not need this coverage, however, mortgage lenders now require homeowners to prove their buildings are above this level. A professional survey by each property owner is required.

General Membership Meeting: June 2, 2012 @ 10AM in our township hall.

Adjourned @ 11:45AM

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