



**Van Etten Lake Association (VELA)**  
**FALL GENERAL MEETING**  
**September 12, 2020 – 10:00 AM, Ratliff Park**

**Minutes**

- I. Call to Order at 10:05 a.m. Six board members were present. Betsy Dillingham, Frank Rainey, Victoria Targosz were excused. Six stakeholders also attended the meeting.
  - Pledge
  - Introductions: All present board members were introduced.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes (September 2019 General Meeting) - approved
  
- III. Board President's Comments – Rick Copland
  - Rick thanked the board members for their patience and willingness to stay on the board.
  - Rick thanked Oscoda Trustee, Bill Palmer, for assisting with the wash station at Ratliff Park.
  - Trustee Bill Palmer thanked VELA for donating the wash station.
  
- IV. Reports:
  - Weed Committee- Leonard Brockhahn
    - Lake Pro Representative- Pete Filpansick

Pete stated there were two treatments done this year on July 14 and August 25 for nuisance weeds. No invasive milfoil found. Pete also discussed the algae bloom and how the new chemical Se-Clear seemed to help with the algae bloom and phosphorus. Pete's full report will be available later this year. There was also discussion concerning algae blooms and septic systems around the lake. Pete indicated that having septic systems around the lake does effect water quality and contribute to algae blooms especially if the systems are not inspected and kept up to current code.
  
  - Treasurer- Leonard Brockhahn
    - Current Financials - approved
      - Checking: \$ 9,604.00
      - Saving: \$17,615.00
      - Total: \$27,219.00
  
    - Endowment Fund

The spendable amount is \$ 6,400.00.  
Suggestion made to use the money towards a handicap access on the boardwalk at Ratliff Park. Trustee Bill Palmer offered to check on the cost and other details for this project.

- Membership- Betsy Dillingham (Rick for Betsy)

Total membership as of today is 294 which is 46%.  
This year 377 dues reminder forms were sent out.  
There are 239 members on the email list.

- Lake Monitor- Dan Stock

Year to date clarity is 6 ft; last year it was 7 feet. Average water temp is 73 degrees.

V. Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Update (Dan Stock- RAB Representative)

The Air force is planning the construction of an interceptor series of wells parallel to F-41 to intercept and treat PFAS laden ground water now seeping into Van Etten Lake.

The next town hall meeting is October 20 and the next RAB meeting is October 21.

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

Greg Cole from the Now Group thanked VELA for the \$500 Donation. NOW is welcoming new members and donations.

VII. Dam updates - Greg Cole

Dam is in good condition, routine maintenance done twice this year.  
Lake draw down should begin at the end of October.

VIII. Comment/Question Period- none

The meeting adjourned at 11:15am

**Upcoming Meetings:**

General Meeting: Saturday, June 5, 2021

Annual Meeting: Saturday, July 10, 2021

General Meeting: Saturday, September 11, 2021

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Saturday, August 7, 2021