

VELA Board Meeting

July 27, 2015

2 PM – Methodist Church – Oscoda

Attendees: Carole & Joe Plunkey, Janice Wilber, Celeste Creger, Paul Rekowski, Leonard Brockhahn, Doug Jager, Norm Ritter, Dave Swensen

Agenda

Call to Order: Joe Plunkey called the meeting to order and elections held for officers:

Pres – Joe Plunkey VP – Paul Rekowski Treas – Leonard Brockhahn Sec – Carole Plunkey

Minutes of Last Meeting – approved as emailed

Lake Resident Survey: Joe P received a request from a Phd student at Mich State to assist him in completing a survey dealing with riparian practices on an inland lake by emailing it out to all the members on our email list. The survey would be voluntary and anyone wanting to participate could send it back to the student for evaluation. Discussion followed – board members agreed that no member email addresses be given to the student, but VELA could email the survey with instructions to return to the student. Joe P to follow-up with student and survey to be sent out when ready.

Log/Stump Removal: Discussion involving plan to deal with floating logs and anchored stumps in the lake that may pose a safety hazard. Agreement that stationary stumps be either tagged if unable to be moved or pulled out if possible. May need to be an annual event. Paul R willing to provide the labor and receive payment from VELA based on current estimates of charges for such a project.

Weed Control: Doug J reported that the lake has received one treatment of nuisance weeds – Lake Pro to return this week for another survey. \$4,680 has been spent from the SAD funds and approx \$26,000 remains for 2015. New SAD process to begin in January 2016. He reports no milfoil has been detected – many reports from residents of very good conditions on the lake.

Correspondence: Letter received from lake resident listing many concerns he has related to his property on Loud Drive by Phelan Creek and issues with “muck” in the creek as well as his lakefront, excessive weed growth, increased sediment and other debris, and the general condition of the creek as it compares to what he recalls from years ago. Discussion on how to respond to the concerns. Letter to be sent to resident to explain VELA's position and resources for him to contact regarding all the issues cited.

Adjourn: 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Plunkey, Secretary