



Van Etten Lake Association (VELA)
ANNUAL MEETING
July 10, 2021 – 10:00 AM, Ken Ratliff Park

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 10:05a.m. Seven board members present. Victoria Targosz and Leif Lindbolm were excused. Twenty-four Stakeholders attended.
 - Pledge
 - Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes (June 5, 2021 General Meeting) - approved
- III. Board President's Comments – Rick Copland
 - Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
 - Encouraged stakeholders to join the board and/or committees
 - No updates on the handicap access at Ken Ratliff Memorial Park
 - No updates for the NOW webinar
- IV. Reports:
 - Treasurer - Leonard Brockhahn
 - Current Financials

Saving	\$ 17,790.00
Checking	<u>\$ 6,724.00</u>
Total	\$ 24,514.00
 - Endowment Fund - spendable amount is \$ 6,415.00
 - Proposed 2021-22 Budget – will be discussed at next board meeting
 - Weed Committee – Leonard Brockhahn
 - Update on Summer Weed and Algae Treatment
 - New SAD was approved end of March 2021
 - Delay in weed treatment due to: bid for applicator, illness with lake surveyor, permit issues
 - First treatment is scheduled for July 19
 - Question by stakeholder concerning weeds, logs, muck near the mouth of Pine River. Carole Plunkey stated that only so much can be done because of DNR regulations
 - Volunteers needed
 - Membership – Betsy Dillingham
 - 317 members, 20 new members, 270 e-mail addresses
 - Rick thanked Betsy for all her great work as Membership Director and wished her and her family well in their new endeavors. We do need someone to replace Betsy as Membership Director.
 - Lake Monitor – Dan Stock
 - Participating in CLMP monitoring program
 - In mid-May weekly clarity sampling started with average results to date 8ft, current reading of 6.5 ft. Compares to an average of 6.3 ft May/June over the past 10 yrs.
 - Water temperature 74.8 degrees
 - Spring Phosphorus sample turned-in in June, results expected in the fall

- Monthly Chlorophyll-A sample taken in May, June; samplings will continue thru September with results in the fall
- Picnic (Carole Plunkey)
 - August 7, doors open at 5:30PM, dinner at 6PM
 - VELA to provide: potato salad, bake beans, Hamburg & hotdogs (Klenow's E. Tawas)
 - Silent auction, 50/50 raffle
 - Volunteers needed

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

- Clark Marsh IRA- Starting August 2021 installation of additional interceptor wells that capture/treat groundwater flow from the fire training area with a scheduled completion/start-up date February 2022.
- Van Etten Lake IRA- A design plan is being prepared and a public comment period is forthcoming to install a series of interceptor wells parallel to F-41 that would capture/treat PFAS laden groundwater flowing into the lake. The construction date of late August 2021 will probably be delayed because this original planned project is being revised.
- East side of Van Etten Lake- The responsibility for the source and clean-up of the PFAS at the south-east corner of the lake has yet to be established. This is being discussed by the Air Force and Oscoda Township Officials, NOW, RAB.
- MPART representatives from EGLE and MDHHS will host a virtual meeting July 20.
- RAB virtual meeting on July 21

VI. Need Our Water (NOW) Update (Victoria Targosz – NOW Representative) – no updates

VII. **VELA Board Member Elections**

- The Board shall have a total membership of nine (9)
- Only regular members may hold office
- Only regular members may vote
- The term of office for elected board members shall be two (2) years
- After the Annual Meeting in July, the Board of Directors shall elect from its members a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary

Results:

- Dan Stock and Betsy Dillingham will be leaving the Board of Directors. Dan will continue as the Lake Monitor Committee Chair.
- Diane Banks volunteered to become a VELA Board member and Membership Director – Unanimous Vote
- Charles Bauer volunteered to become a VELA board member – Unanimous Vote
- Dan Banks volunteered to join the weed committee

VIII. Comment/Question Period

- Question asked about planting walleye in the lake, no planting is scheduled for now
- Question concerning Gypsy moths, no action(spraying) has been taken by Iosco County

Meeting adjourned at 11:19

Upcoming Meetings:

General Meeting: Saturday, September 11, 2021 – 10:00am, Ken Ratliff Park

Annual Picnic (Mark your Calendars):
 Saturday, August 7, 2021 – 6:00pm
 Ken Ratliff Memorial Park – Warrior Pavilion

Respectfully submitted by Celeste Creger, Secretary