

Van Etten Lake Association (VELA)
SPRING BOARD MEETING
May 17, 2019 – 10:30 AM, Parks Library

MINUTES

Members Present: Celest Creger, Doug Jager, Frank Rainey, Dan Stock, Leonard Brockhahn and Joe Plunkey (Past President and RAB Rep.) Members Absent: Leif Lindblom

- I. Meeting called to order at 10:35am with Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Approve Minutes from October 10, 2018 meeting – Minutes Approved
- III. Treasurer Report (Including Membership)
 - Savings: \$10,809.76
 - Checking: \$13,832.42
 - Total: \$24,642.18
 - Membership: 220 Note: Shirley Brockhahn will not be doing membership anymore. Need someone for 2020.
- IV. Weed Committee update (Doug Jager) – See attached Weed Committee minutes.
- V. Board Organizational Items
 - Board Member Etiquette: Discussion of guidelines as appropriate for the VELA Board.
 - Board Officer Job Descriptions (Officers should bring a draft for their job description)
 - President: Spokesperson for VELA, prepares meeting agendas, reserves meeting facility, chairs both board and general meetings, oversees VELA financials in coordination with the Treasurer, and ex officio member of all committees.
 - VP: Assume duties of President in her/his absence– and other duties as designated by President
 - Secretary: Prepares meeting agendas w/President, posts meeting notices in the local newspaper, completes minutes of all meetings, keeper of records, correspondence as needed, has access to VELA Email account, facilitates spring and fall newsletter, check signer– and other duties as designated by President
 - Treasurer: Maintain all financial accounts and records, pay bills, prepare budget, check signer – and other duties as designated by President
 - VELA representatives to various local groups. Ie. PRVEL, RAB, NOW, etc.
 - PREVL Doug Jager & Carol Plunkey
 - RAB Joe Plunkey and Dan Stock
 - NOW ?? Would be nice if a NOW member was on the board.
 - Township Board? Discussion Only needed when water/lake issues are on the agenda. Maybe board members could attend when these issues are on the Township Board Agenda.
 - Need one more board member - ideas? Two new board members are needed as Mike Clemons resigned his position. Suggestion: Celeste will address at the June General Meeting.

- VI. VELA Website update (Celeste) - Tim Schafer Manages the website. The website is up and running, lawsuit settled. Also, new pictures have been posted to the VELA Facebook site.
- VII. Ken Ratliff Park contribution update – Tabled/on Hold until Township decides on final plan. Spendable in Endowment at this time: \$5,470.00.
- VIII. Septic ordinance (VELA tried in the past to have the township pass an ordinance to have septic pass inspection and be brought up to code before a real estate sale is finalized.) At the time, the Superintendent thought that the township could internally do what we suggested. The Superintendent resigned and the concern got dropped. The new Superintendent is Dave Schafer. Celest will set up a meeting with Dave Schafer. Joe and Dan volunteered to attend.
- IX. 2019 Picnic (August 10, 2019) – Chair: Carol Plunkey – need committee members – Agenda item or June meeting. Pavilion reserved for August 10.
- X. VELA RAB Representative: RAB/PFOS update (Dan Stock)
- How can VELA be supportive of PFOS/PFOA cleanup and educate members on PFOS/PFOA? VELA Board authorized the President to send a “form” letter on behalf of VELA to select congressman. Letter would be sent to Board first for approval. Question: VELA had approved \$500 last summer to help NOW, but we cannot cut check without NOW being an “official” organization, have a bank account, etc. Funds are still available for this purpose.
 - Discussion concerning May Town Hall Meeting. VELA will not participate in setting an agenda for a NOW Town Hall meeting at any time.
 - A list government officials, congressman, etc. with contact information can be posted on the VELA Website.
 - Perflorinated (PFOS/PFOA) chemical contamination information is posted on the VELA website.
- XI. Spring Newsletter? - We should have both a Fall and Spring newsletter. Articles should be prepared by the President and each Board Committee and be given to the Board Secretary for publication in the newsletter. The Board Secretary will communicate the due dates for articles to all committees. To save costs, the newsletter could be emailed to all current members and print copies available at meetings when appropriate.
- XII. Bylaws review (committee?) Tabled until we have a full board.
- XIII. Can VELA and PRVEL share cost of Pine River log clearance? After discussion, up to \$300 for this project was approved.
- XIV. Agenda items for June General Meeting
PFOS/PFOA – Form Letter

Meeting adjourned at 12:46pm

<p><u>Upcoming General/Annual Meetings:</u> General Meeting: Saturday, June 1, 2019 Annual Meeting: Saturday, July 6, 2019</p>

Respectively Submitted: Richard Copland, Secretary

Approved July 27, 2019

Attachment 1

VELA WEED COMMITTEE MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Jager, Leonard Brockam , Dan Stock, Pat Young, Betsy Dillingham, Lee Mertz, Celeste Creger, Pete Filpansick (LakePro)

- 1: The Committee discussed the results of 2018 treatments. It was a consensus that the treatments last year worked well. Pat Young suggested we start the treatments sooner in the NW cove. Pete said that last year we treated the NW cove and the east cove of Loud Island on June 21, 2018. It was decided that we would shoot for the week of June 11, 2019.
- 2: The tentative dates for treatment of the rest of the lake are June 25 – 27, 2019. We will attempt to complete all treatments well in advance of the 4th of July week.
- 3: We discussed PLM methods for spraying around docks and boats. There were complaints of overspray on boats. Pete said he would discuss that with PLM and recommend they use a below surface injection process.
- 4: The tentative July survey will be around July 18th . Weather permitting. Treatments going forward will be based on need. There will not be any treatments prior to and after the Labor Day holiday.
- 5: We discussed in length a new herbicide that has had good results on algae blooms call SeClear. Pete learned of the new product after the bidding process for applicators for this year had been completed. The Township said we would need to start the whole process over again to include this product and that would interfere with the timing for PLM to get permits for the current year. The committee agreed we will need to include SeClear in the 2020 bid process.
- 6: Dan Stock reported on the phosphorus testing around the lake and found problems with the results and possible interference with the testing process at the lab.
- 7: Pete Filpansick from LakePro will be attending the September 7th General Membership meeting to discuss results.
- 8: The committee discussed gaining input from lake residents regarding weed control results and suggestions before Labor Day. I will discuss this with the board at our upcoming board meeting.