

**VELA Annual Meeting**  
**July 12, 2014**  
**Oscoda Township Conference Center**

BOD Attendees: Ron Mathison, Carole & Joe Plunkey, Leonard Brockhan, Janice Wilber, Paul Rekowski, Dan Stock (Water Quality), Doug Jager (Weed Control) Absent: Tom James, Greg Cole (Tim Arnold – resigned), Paul Merzinski (Dam Operator)

President Ron opened meeting @ 10:00AM with introduction of those above who are present and welcome to all those in attendance.

Minutes of the May 31, 2014 meeting read by Joe and approved as read.

Leonard reported saving - \$10,757.00 and checking - \$9,167.00. This was approved. A budget was presented and an addition of \$1500.00 was added for bay and river cleanup, also approved. Membership of 300 paid was added as the current total.

Carole reported \$15,655.98 in the endowment fund with \$1,772.23 available to spend. She will be developing targets for these funds. She explained the purpose of the fund.

As president of PR/VEL Watershed, she presented a history of the group and the new association with the Au Sable Watershed. This association resulted in the approval to address 2 soil erosion projects and 2 road stream crossing issues. PR/VEL is to contribute \$1000.00 towards these and she thanked all who have contributed. The River Keepers and Macroinvertebrate programs were also detailed. She invited everyone to their next quarterly meeting on July 24, 2014 @ 10:00AM @ Greenbush Township Hall. This meeting will be followed by an open house from 12:00 PM to 2:00PM. All are encouraged to register for this event as a light lunch will be provided and enough food will need to be ordered.

Dan reported the Phosphorous level at 26, which continues near to the average over the past years and the water clarity is 9 feet to 10 feet, which encourages weed growth.

Doug reported the first treatment of the lake milfoil weeds was completed on June 12, 2014. He reported that to date, approximately \$38,000.00 has been spent on weed control this year. The last survey by LakePro indicates more milfoil areas need treated as well as some pond weed and other nuisance vegetation. This will begin on July 16, 2014, weather permitting. Members aware of weed issues should report these to him.

Ron reported the township discovered they may have been improperly handling weed funds on a year to year basis. His attempt to meet with the township supervisor, prior to this meeting were unsuccessful. He will continue attempts. The next township meeting is to address this issue. He encourages all to attend and support our request for continuation of the SAD.

Joe opened the floor to nominations for open positions on the board. Celeste Creger volunteered and was immediately placed in the vacated position by the resignation of Tim Arnold. There being no others interested, the members due to vacate the board were nominated to continue and this was overwhelmingly approved.

The picnic will be on August 2, 2014 and will begin at a new time – 5:00PM. There will be many prizes offered and a silent auction will be held so you can bid ONLY for those things of interest. All are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Plunkey