



Van Etten Lake Association (VELA)
JUNE GENERAL MEETING
June 5, 2021 – 10:00 AM, Ratliff Park
Minutes

- I. Call to Order 10:05 All board members were present. 30 stakeholders in attendance
 - Pledge
 - Introductions

- II. Approval of Minutes (September 2020 General Meeting) - approved

- III. Board President's Comments – Rick Copland
 - Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
 - Thanked Board members for their efforts
 - Announced that Betsy (membership person) was resigning, thanked her for streamlining the membership listing and all her other efforts with VELA
 - Encouraged stakeholders to volunteer to be on one of VELA committees or become a VELA board member. We need more volunteers!
 - VELA is donating \$4000.00 towards the handicap access at Ken Ratliff Park. Money will be withdrawn from the Endowment fund or the budget.

- IV. Reports: Treasurer - Leonard Brockhahn
 - Current Financials
 - Saving \$ 17,793.
 - Checking \$ 6,754.
 - Total \$ 24,547.

 - Endowment Fund Spendable amt \$ 6,400.

- Weed Committee - Leonard Brockhahn
 - Pete is no longer with Lake Pro, Tyson is the new person
 - Lake will be surveyed later in June; weeds have not started growing yet
 - Volunteers needed

- Membership – Betsy Dillingham
 - 315 VELA members to date
 - 19 new members this year
 - 269 members on VELA email address listing, if you would like to be added to the email listing, or have changes contact Betsy
 - Need a volunteer to take over membership role

- Lake Monitor – Dan Stock
 - Participating in the CLMP monitoring program again this year
 - Clarity sampling started mid-May average results to date 8ft, which compares to an average of 5.4 ft over the past 10 yrs.
 - Average water temp is 63 degrees
 - Spring Phosphorus sample has been taken turned-in in June, expect result in the fall
 - Monthly Chlorophyll-A samples will be taken through September, results in the fall
 - Volunteers needed for June 15, July 15, August 15 samplings. Please contact Dan at 989-739-4239 or dstock4239@charter.net

- Picnic Committee – Carol Plunkey
 - Picnic is schedule for August 7, more details first part of July
 - Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad will be provided by VELA
 - Silent auction, 50/50 raffle, prizes for kids
 - Volunteers needed

- V. Watershed – Russell Williams (Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed Coalition – Chairman)
 - Russell has a BS in Forestry from MSU, also is an Arborist
 - PRVEL would like more volunteers and donations too.
 - 2021 road/stream crossing project Kurtz Creek/Kimberlein Rd in Alcona County

- VI. Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Update (Dan Stock – RAB Representative)
 - Clark’s Marsh IRA- installation of additional interceptor wells to capture, treat groundwater flow from the fire training area will start August 2021 should be completed/start up in February 2022
 - Van Etten Lake IRA- installation of a series of interceptor well parallel to capture, treat PFAS laden groundwater now flowing into the lake. A design plan is being prepared; a public comment period is forthcoming. Construction was scheduled for August 2021 but probably will be delayed due to revised project plans.
 - Next RAB meeting July 21,2021 Open meeting? TBD

- VII. Need Our Water (NOW) Update (Victoria Targosz – NOW Representative) Guest: Cathy Wursterbarth
 - Victoria thanked VELA for the previous \$500 donation to NOW
 - Victoria thanked Cathy for all her efforts with NOW and informing the public about the PFAS issues.
 - Cathy thanked the following Van Etten Lake people; Dave Winn, Bill Palmer, Tony Spaniola for their efforts with the PFAS issue.
 - Cathy stated a goal is to have PFAS cleaned up in Van Etten Lake by 2023
 - Have water line in the affected area
 - Have a Health project blood testing for PFAS
 - Plan on showing the movie No Defense in Oscoda soon
 - Possible State Town Hall open meeting July 20,2021 TBD

- VIII. Comment/Question Period
 - Stakeholder commented on EGLE, MDHHS and DNR, PFAS risk assessment for swimming, fishing on Van Etten Lake
 - Rick suggested if you have questions concerning PFAS issues contact EGLE, MDHHS, DNR

Meeting adjourned 11:05 am

Upcoming Meetings:

Annual Meeting: Saturday, July 10, 2021
 General Meeting: Saturday, September 11, 2021

VELA 2021 PICNIC

Saturday, August 7, 2021- 6 PM
 Ken Ratliff Memorial Park
 Warrior Pavilion

Submitted by Celeste Creger, Secretary