

VELA Board Meeting
July 28, 2018
Parks Library 10AM – 11:15 AM

Attendees: Dave Swenson, Rick Copland, Celeste Creger, Doug Jager, Leif Lindblom, Mike Clemons, Carole & Joe Plunkey (past officers)

Absent: Frank Rainey, Leonard Brockhahn, Russell Williams

Agenda Items: 1) Board elections 2) Picnic 3) Agenda/ Sept meeting
4) Status of copyright infringement issue 5) Status of liability insurance

Action Taken:

1) **Board elections:** Dave Swenson reported that current treasurer, Leonard Brockhahn agreeable to remain as treasurer. After much discussion the following officers were elected: President - Dave Swenson, Vice President - Celeste Creger, Secretary – Rick Copland. Outgoing secretary, Carole Plunkey, will remove her name from the VELA checking/savings account at Northland Area Federal Credit Union in Oscoda, MI, to be replaced by Rick Copland, newly elected secretary.

2) **Annual Picnic:** Carole P reported all is ready for event to be held August 4th at Warrior Pavilion. Anyone available to help set up, please contact her next week for time on Friday, Aug 3rd

3) **Agenda Items for Sept general meeting:** In addition to the regular reading of the minutes and treasurer's/membership reports, the following items will be included: Weed Committee report (Doug J - invite Lake Pro rep to be present), Lake Monitor report (Dan Stock), Dam report (Greg Cole), Watershed report (Doug J or Russell W), Endowment Fund report (Dave S), Picnic Wrap-up (Leonard B or wife Shirley B) PFC issue update (Greg Cole also on NOW committee and can present info). Also suggested inviting new township superintendent to meeting.

4) **Copyright Issue:** Joe P gave update on status of law suit for copyright infringement – attorney awaiting name of new VELA president to sign paperwork involved so check can be written. Dave S to follow-up. Carole P noted that VELA website in process of revision to ensure original materials used so this issue does not come up again.

5) **Liability Insurance:** Dave S reported he has researched insurance companies that provide liability coverage for non-profit organizations like VELA. He needing new board names to be able to proceed with paperwork – he to now complete and report back. He gave estimate of possible cost for such protection – between \$1200 - \$1500 annually.

Other Comments:

- 1) New member Mike C raised questions concerning the role of the lake association. Several members gave input. Decision to have Carole P email copy of the by-laws to all board members. He led discussion on ways to promote the lake – he to present list of ideas at next board meeting in the fall
- 2) Carole P noted recent Oscoda Press article on PFC issue as it concerns fish sampling and Public Health recommendations for fish consumption – encouraged all members to keep abreast of updates that pertain to the lake.

Respectfully submitted – Carole Plunkey, Outgoing Secretary