

VELA Annual Meeting Minutes
Sat, July 11, 2015
Oscoda Township Conference Center

BOD Attendees: Joe Plunkey, Carole Plunkey, Leonard Brockhahn, Janice Wilber, Tom James,
Absentees: Paul Rekowski, Doug Jager, Greg Cole, Celeste Creger

Call to Order: 10 AM

Board Introductions: given by VP Joe P – he stated that appointed board member Doug Jager had agreed to be nominated for a board position. Three other positions are up for nomination as well and elections will take place at the end of the meeting

Reading of Minutes: Carole P read the minutes from the last meeting – approved as read

Treasurer's Report: Leonard B reported a balance of \$10,327 in checking account and \$10,763 in savings. He handed out a budget proposal for 2015-16 for all members to review – a vote was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented – passed unanimously. The membership count to date is 284

Endowment Fund: Carole P reported values as of May 31, 2015: \$18,273.09 Total Fund - \$2,383.61 Spendable Account. Comments were given regarding how best to spend the funds – ideas to be reviewed by the board for action.

Lake Monitor Report: Dan S reported that water clarity sampling has been averaging between 7- 9 ft. (better than 10 years ago) - no other test results available at this time

Weed Committee Report: Joe P gave the report for Doug J in his absence: weed treatment will take place next week (July 13-17) in isolated areas. Property owners are to note instructions on yellow posted signs if one is placed on their property for use of lake water during this time. In general, herbicides have been effective in reducing weed growth.

PRVEL Report: : Carole P provided an update on current watershed projects. She still trying to clarify who is responsible for “no wake” signs for the south cove by the dam and at the north end of the lake where the river enters – she to contact township for clarification. Watershed information is available on the VELA website and all members encouraged to visit the site to become better informed. Next general meeting will be Thurs, July 23, at 10 am at the Greenbush Twp Hall..

Picnic Report: Carole P gave information on the upcoming picnic to be held at Ken Ratliff Park Warrior Pavilion on Sat, Aug 1 at 5 PM. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the picnic committee please contact her.

Elections: Joe P stated that all 3 existing board members who's positions are open are willing to run again if no nominations from the general membership are made. He then asked for nominations –Dave Swensen and Norm Ritter volunteered – a vote was taken to approve the nominations and passed. They will be replacing Tom James and Greg Cole. Officers will be chosen by the board at their next meeting. In response to a member comment, it was noted that the by-laws indicate that the immediate past president may be an “ex-officio” member of the board

Open Q & C : Member Ron Mathison asked to make a statement regarding the possibility of the

township collecting an administrative fee for setting up the next Special Assessment District for 2016. He is strongly against this proposal should it be instituted and suggested that members attend the scheduled township meetings to voice their concerns. It was noted that township work sessions are open to the public for comment as well. Further comments were made in regards to the lake's fishing status – DNR reporting has noted that the lake shows natural breeding of fish such as walleye, but still benefits from stocking every other year.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Plunkey