VELA Fall Meeting Minutes
Sat, Sept 12, 2015
Oscoda Township Conference Center

BOD Attendees: Joe Plunkey, Carole Plunkey, Janice Wilber, Doug Jager, Celeste Creger, Norm Ritter - Absentees: Paul Rekowski, Leonard Brockhahn, Dave Swenson
Call to Order: 10 AM with pledge of allegiance

Board Introductions: Pres, Joe P introduced board members in attendance

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

Treasurer's Report: Janice W gave the report in Leonard's absence. Curent amount in savings account is $10,769 and checking $10, 237. No new membership numbers were available. No final figures available from the picnic, but Carole P reported that it was a successful event and plans underway for next year. Anyone wanting to volunteer to be on the picnic committee, please contact her.

Weed Committee Report: Doug J provided handouts of this year's lake management report from Lake Pro as their rep was not in attendance. He reported approx $39,000 spent from SAD funds leaving approx $1,000 in the account which is within limits of the 5% allowed to be left. The process for beginning a new 5 yr SAD will begin in Jan with the township and hearings will be scheduled. He reported a very good year as minimal Eurasian Milfoil was found at the time of survey and nuisance weeds kept under control. EM still remains a threat so need to stay on top of plan to survey and treat as needed. Question was raised regarding how the township will be using boat launch fees in lieu of new state law regarding the use of such funds. Suggestion was made to clarify what the law actually states and present info to the township at one of their meetings and/or send a letter of support to utilize these funds for invasive aquatics entering the lake from the public launch.

Endowment Fund: Carole P stated that reports are now dispersed quarterly and no new info until end of Sept so values as of July report remain - $18,273.09 Total Fund - $2,383.61 Spendable Account.

Log/Stump Removal – Joe P stated that the board has been discussing how best to remove logs and/or stumps in the north end of the lake to avoid navigation problems and as a safety issue. Inquiries have been made and a plan will be developed to remove them asap and make this an anuual project.

PRVEL Watershed Report: Carole P reported on all current programs and projects of the group – volunteers needed to work on water monitoring and sampling programs. Next meeting on Thurs, Oct 22, at 10 am in Greenbush at the Twp Hall. Handouts were made available to learn more about PRVEL

Water Quality: Dan S gave a summation of this year's testing, including an average spring phosphorus of 23 ppb (which means less weed and algae growth expected) and also average temp at 67.5 degrees and clarity at 7 ft.

Open Discussion: Carole P reminded members that Fall newsetter to be mailed out soon for members to stay informed on lake issues – also asked members to be sure VELA has their email address in order to receive special announcements or other news. Website also good resource for getting information.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM Respectfully Submitted, Carole Plunkey