



Van Etten Lake Association (VELA)
ANNUAL MEETING
July 9, 2022 – 10:00 AM, Ken Ratliff Park

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 10:02am. Five board member present. Diane Banks, Leif Lindbolm, Frank Rainey and Victoria Targosz were excused. Twenty-two stakeholders attended.
 - Pledge
 - Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes (June 4, 2022 General Meeting)- approved
- III. Board President's Comments – Rick Copland
 - Questions concerning Weed Treatment call Clarke (applicator Co.) or email Leonard Brockhahn
 - Board member elections: need volunteers to fill two positions.
- IV. Reports:
 - Treasurer - Leonard Brockhahn – budget approved
 - Current Financials

Saving	\$18,217.00
Checking	\$ 4,037.00
Membership dues	<u>\$ 1,420.00</u>
Total	\$23,674.00
 - Endowment Fund- spendable amt. \$8,000.00
 - \$4,000.00 will be donated for the Oscoda Twp handicap access ramp project at Ken Ratliff Park.
 - Oscoda Trustee William Palmer stated the original grant was denied. Applied for a new grant. Possibly using American Rescue Plan money to fund the project. Framework might begin this fall after lake draw down.
 - Weed Committee – Leonard Brockhahn
 - Update on Summer Weed and Algae Treatment
 - First treatment was July 6. Next survey will be July 20-25. The next treatment will be the first part of August. Leonard will be on the boat with Clarke Co.
 - Stakeholder (Loud Dr. southeast) voiced concern about lack of treatment in that area, has a lot of weeds and string algae. Dan & Leonard explained the treatment process. Leonard stated a chemical SeClear is used to treat the algae. Leonard will review the area. Yearly spending cap for SAD is \$70,000. Rick stated we are in the second year of the current five year SAD.
 - Membership – Diane Banks- (Rick reported for Diane) We currently have over 300 members.
 - Lake Monitor – Dan Stock

Clarity is 5.6 ft which is down from an average of 6.4 ft over the past 10 years.
Water temp average is 69 degrees.
 - Picnic (Carole Plunkey)
 - The Picnic is August 6 at 6:00pm (Doors open at 5:30pm) at Ken Ratliff Park.

- VELA provides meat, potato salad and beverages.
- There will be a Free Raffle for the children, a 50/50 raffle and Silent auction.
- Please Bring a dish to pass.
- Volunteers always welcome!

V. **VELA Board Member Elections**

- The Board shall have a total membership of nine (9)
- Only regular members may hold office
- Only regular members may vote
- The term of office for elected board members shall be two (2) years
- After the Annual Meeting in July, the Board of Directors shall elect from its members a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary
 - Janice Wilber a 20 year board member and 10 years on the picnic committee is retiring. Leif Lindbolm, after many years of service, is retiring from the board. The VELA board members and Stakeholders thank them for their service.
 - Stakeholders John Mullaly and Helen Shastal volunteered and were unanimously elected to service on the board. Thank you John and Helen.

VI. Comment/Question Period

- Janice Wilber stated that someone stole a very heavy wooden dock and a fishing boat hoist from the right of way near her property (southeast corner Loud Dr) valued \$5,000. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Janice has reported this to the police.
- Carol Plunkey informed every one of the Pine River Van Etten Lake (PRVEL) Watershed Meeting at the Alcona Conservation District building in Harrisville on Thursday July 14, 2022 at 10:00am. Volunteers always welcome!

Meeting adjourned at 10:58am

Respectfully submitted by Celeste Creger, Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

General Meeting: Saturday, September 10, 2022 – 10:00am, Ken Ratliff Park

Annual Picnic (Mark your Calendars):
 Saturday, August 6, 2022 – 6:00pm
 Ken Ratliff Memorial Park – Warrior Pavilion