

**VELA Board Meeting  
August 2, 2012  
10AM Statewide Real Estate Office, 335 S. State St.**

MINUTES

Attendees: Ron Mathison, Larry Evans, Tom James, Janice Wilber, Carole & Joe Plunkey, Paul Rekowski. Absent: Dan Stock, Paul Merdzinski, Greg Cole, Leonard, Brockhahn.

Meeting called to order by President Ron @ 10:00AM.

All officers agreed to continue in current offices.

Minutes of May 17, 2012 board meeting read by Joe and placed on file.

Written treasurers report: Transferred \$5,000.00 to share account, balance as of 8/1/2012 = Share - \$10,725.39 and checking - \$6,786.77.

Janice reported picnic plans complete. Work begins Friday to setup banner and move picnic tables and on 8/4/2012 tables and setup at 1:00PM.

Carole reported the endowment fund @ \$11,343.18 with \$821.20 the spendable amount. She encouraged anyone with information for the Fall newsletter to send ASAP.

Larry reported that LakePro – Pete Filpansick – surveyed the lake on Monday and will be at the picnic.

Watershed activity reported by Carole includes the continuing pursuit of 501 c 3 status; soil erosion - \$30,000 grant for 8 sites to be completed next year; appointment of Arnie Leriche to macro invertebrate study director, with Doug Jager assisting; Have 5 river keepers and seeking more; and will survey the Pine River from the mouth to Kings Corner Road on 8/9/2012 to improve navigation. Ron indicated this may be a good project for VELA to support.

Ron reported on the fish passage discussion at the PR/VEL meeting as very informative and he understood the risk from sea lamprey was high enough to cancel the project. Paul differed in that he saw the means to achieve a more positive result could be met through our legislatures. Paul was appointed by Ron chair this activity.

Ron will look into an easily removable decal for VELA that members could put on their car windows.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Plunkey, Secretary