

**VELA General Meeting
July 6, 2013
10AM Oscoda Twp. Conf. Rm.**

Minutes

BOD – Present - Tom James, Paul Rekowski, Carole & Joe Plunkey, Ron Mathison, Leonard Brockhahn, Janice, Wilber, **Absent** – Greg Cole **Guest** – Gary Adams, drain commissioner, Dan Stock – lake monitor, and Doug Jager – weed committee chairman.

Called to order by Ron @ 10AM who introduced the board and guests.

Minutes from June 1, 2013 meeting read and without comment placed on file.

Leonard reported a balance of \$10,744.04 in savings, \$8,175.72 in checking Total = \$18,916.76. Budget for next year presented and approved unanimously.

Shirley Brockhahn reported current membership @ 296.

Carole report endowment fund unchanged.

Dan reported Spring phosphorous level @ 23, which is the 10 year average. Clarity @ 6' since June report and temperature average in 70's.

Doug reported the use of chemicals in the NW cove was performed and awaiting followup visit from lake monitor. Total spent this year is \$30,397.50.

PR/VEL literature available on table. Carole indicated there are 2 soil erosion projects pending and the river keeper program is growing. Next meeting – July 25 @10AM in Greenbush Twp. Hall.

Janice reminded everyone to bring a dish to pass for the picnic on 8/3 @3PM. Need volunteers for setup @ 1PM.

One open position remains on the board, contact Ron with your interest.

Gary reported on dam related activities: the pursuit of acquisition of property below the dam for a park continues, the fish ladder is a dead issue, the installation of electronic gates for the dam is in process to be accomplished this year or next, a new dam would have to be built for an overflow dam. Lake levels are an ongoing issue that are controlled as directed by the court order, as well as possible.

Paul reported that VELA fish are safe to eat, following DNR guidelines.

Ron reported on the removal of 15 logs in the lake creating navigation/safety issues. This was paid for from VELA funds. He indicated there are still lost property items that have not been claimed. He read his letter to the township and their response to our request to waive boat launch fees for VELA members. This topic will be included in the townships next budget meeting. Ron requested that all lampreys be saved and given to him. He will present them to the DNR. Dan has developed a point of sale ordinance for septic that Ron will present to the township.

Adjourned @ 11:32AM

Joe Plunkey
Secretary