



Van Etten Lake Association (VELA)
FALL BOARD MEETING
October 26, 2019 – 10:00 AM, Parks Library

Minutes

Members Present: Celeste Creger, Rick Copland, Betsy Dillingham, Leif Lindblom, Dan Stock, Victoria Targosz Member Absent: Janice Wilber Members Excused: Leonard Brockhahn, Frank Rainey

- I. Call to Order 10:04 am
- II. Approval of Agenda - Approved as amended to add stipend for Tony Spaniola and NOW update.
- III. Approve Minutes from July 27, 2019 meeting - Approved
- IV. Treasurer Report (Budget to Actual)

Saving	\$10,810
Checking	<u>\$14,832</u>
Total	\$25,642
- V. Membership (update, process, new forms, membership cards?)

Betsy received from the township a new lakefront; lake access property owners list. She has also updated the membership emails and put together a “good” membership email list. Betsy put together an updated membership form. It was reviewed and accepted by the board. The updated membership form will be mailed to all property owners in January 2020.
- VI. Weed Committee update – anything new?

No new updates to report
- VII. Fall Newsletter (Distribution)

The Fall Newsletter will be emailed out the first part of November using the updated membership email list. It will also be snail mailed to all members without a current/correct email.
- VIII. Picnic Date (why later?, what can we do for the future?)

Other people have reserved the pavilion for the entire first weekend of August. There was some question as to why VELA was not on the Township calendar again this year. VELA has had their annual picnic on the first weekend in August for many years.

Rick will inquire with the Township as to the procedure, parameters, etc. are for reserving the pavilion at Ken Ratliff Park and see if VELA can reserve the pavilion each year on the 1st Saturday in August.
- IX. Lakes and Streams Membership

Rick will inquire with MLS on VELA’s membership status.
- X. VELA join Chamber of Commerce? (Family, Community and Civic Organizations)

Approved for Rick to move forward. Cost for a Non- Profit to join is \$60.

- XI. New VELA Lawn Signs
Approved, new sign to include VELA logo, day, time and place. Victoria offered one of her staff members to mockup a new lawn sign for VELA and present options to the board for approval.
- XII. VELA Website – User Friendly, how should it look?
Board members were asked to review the VELA website over the winter months and make any suggestions at the April 25, 2020 meeting.
- XIII. Tony Spaniola Stipend
The board agreed that Tony Spaniola should be given a stipend in appreciation for all the volunteer work he did with our website copyright infringement issue. Discussion was had on what would be appropriate. Victoria informed the board that lawyers who do pro bono work often receive a thank you letter with an officer of a token of appreciation. The board agreed to this and Victoria drafted a letter to send to Rick who will mail out on VELA letterhead.
- XIV. NOW update
Next NOW meeting will be Nov 21, 2019 5:30pm at the Parks Library.
- XV. Still on the Radar:
- Boat Launch for VELA Members
 - Septic ordinance (VELA tried in the past/ordinance passed that the septic must pass inspection before a real estate sale is finalized.
Rick will try to arrange a meeting with Superintendent Dave Schaeffer himself and VELA Board Member Dan Stock to discuss the Boat Launch and Septic ordinance opportunities.
 - Bylaws review (committee?)
Review during the winter months and make suggestions at the April 25, 2020 meeting. Victoria volunteered to chair this committee.
- XVI. Next Board Meeting (Spring – bring your calendars)
Meeting April 25, 2020 10:00am Parks Library

Upcoming General/Annual Meetings:

General Meeting: Saturday, May 30, 2020

Annual Meeting: Saturday, July 11, 2020

Respectively Submitted: Celeste Creger Secretary