

**VELA Board Meeting**  
**May16,2014**  
**Oscoda Township Conference Center**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Janice Wilber, Carole & Joe Plunkey, Dan Stock, Leonard Brockhan, Greg Cole, Paul Rekowski  
Absent: Ron Mathison, Tom James, Tim Arnold, Paul Merdzinski, Doug Jager

Welcome given by Carole in absence of Ron @ 10:00AM.

Minutes of 9/2/13 board meeting read by Joe and approved.

Treasurer, Leonard, reports \$10,749.00 in savings and \$8,887.86 in checking.

Shirley Brockhan reported membership of 285 (245 on first invoice and 40 on second invoice). Thirty members have paid for multiple years. There are 17 new members and 12 renewals that failed to pay in 2013. Non renewals = 47.

Endowment fund report not available.

Weed committee report by Carole indicates initial approval of SAD (special assessment district) by township of \$50,000. for 5 years. Blue-green algae testing will follow State guidelines, which Paul will obtain from them. Lake Pro will obtain the samples. Doug Getty was here to listen and provide input as to how his office can assist with addressing this issue.

Carole reports PRVEL has received 501 c 3 approval from IRS. They are currently soliciting funds from the community to help pay \$1000 towards the completion of 2 road crossings and 1- 2 soil erosion projects in the watershed to go with grant funds. These projects are in conjunction with the Ausable River restoration project who are the recipients of the grant. The 80 acre site along the Pine River that Huron Pines and the DNR identified as an ecological reference site to monitor invasive species will be monitored by PRVEL volunteers. The EXPO in Lincoln resulted in 4 new River Keepers.

Dan reports the E. coli monitoring continues to indicate acceptable water quality. He will call Jim Baier to determine where the township board is on the septic system inspection ordinance.

Dam operation has resulted in minor complaints from fishermen who want higher levels for fishing but fail to consider the need to anticipate Spring flooding. Ice out was April 24, 2014.

Discussion about the picnic will await Ron's return.

Woody debris removal in the Pine River is recommended to be included in the budget.

Boat launch fees are \$5/day or \$30/year. Ron to contact Jim Baier regarding waiver for riparians.

Adjourned @ 12:10PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Joe