



Van Etten Lake Association (VELA)
FALL GENERAL MEETING
September 10, 2022 – 10:00 AM, Ratliff Park

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 10:07am. Seven board members present, Victoria Targosa, John Mullaly were excused. 10 stakeholders present.
 - Pledge
 - Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes (July 2022 Annual Meeting) -approved
- III. Board President's Comments – Rick Copland
 - Rick thanked Carol Plunkey for her years of service on the Picnic committee.
 - Need volunteers for the Picnic chairperson, picnic committee
 - Need to reserve Warrior Pavilion on at Oscoda Twp. Offices on January 3, 2023 for VELA Picnic 2023 to ensure we get the date of the first Saturday in August.
- IV. Reports:
 - Weed Committee – Leonard Brockhahn
 - Lake Pro Representative – Tyson Wood

Survey 1 June 2, Herbicide treatment 1 June 29 - treated 46.2 acres for algae, curly-leaf pondweed weed, native plants.

Survey 2 August 2, Herbicide treatment 2 August 11 – determined first treatment was quite successful. 18.5 acres of contact herbicides was applied for nuisance plants. SeClear was applied to the entire developed shoreline (75.0 acres) to help control/prevent cyanobacteria bloom (algae).

A few stakeholders had questions about how the lake postings for the herbicide treatments were conducted. Clarke and Lake Pro have to follow State of Michigan requirements.
 - Treasurer - Leonard Brockhahn
 - Current Financials

Saving	\$18,651.00
Checking	<u>\$ 5,210.00</u>
Total	\$23,861.00
 - Endowment Fund – no update
 - Membership – Diane Banks
 - 323 members, Diane is working on past due memberships
 - Lake Monitor – Dan Stock
 - Clarity is 4.9ft which is down from an average of 6.5 ft over the past 10 years. This is the lowest reading since the pre-zebra mussel years of 2004 to 2006.
 - Mid-lake average water temperature is 71.4 compared to a 10-year average of 69.6.

- Picnic Wrap-up – Carole Plunkey
 - 40 adults and 3 kids had an enjoyable evening at the picnic.
 - Picnic cost \$881.31 minus \$431.00 (profit from 50/50 raffle and silent auction) total picnic cost \$457.31.
 - Carol thanked Carol Schafer and Nancy James, other committee members for their years of service on the picnic committee.
 - Discussion had about a possible boat parade and maybe a Christmas decorating contest in the future.

V. Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Update (Dan Stock – RAB Representative)

Clarke Marsh IRA – Installation of additional interceptor wells to capture and treat groundwater flow from the fire training are complete and operational.

Van Etten Lake IRA – Installation of a series of interceptor wells parallel to F-41 to capture and treat PFAS laden groundwater flowing into the lake. Should be operational by late September 2022.

Mark Henry- Community Representative Co-Chair of the RAB made a presentation to the Oscoda Township Board concerning the effluent discharge from the wastewater treatment infiltration ponds pushing PFAS laden water from Clark's Marsh into the AuSable River.

VI. Need Our Water (NOW) Update (Victoria Targosz – NOW Representative)

- No Report

VII. Comments/Questions

- Walleye fishing seems low. Carol Plunkey will contact the DNR Fisheries about re-stocking Van Etten Lake.
- MDHHS offering free blood test for the Oscoda residents/seasonal residents to check for 197 chemical exposures.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18am

Respectfully submitted by Celeste Creger, Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

General Meeting: Saturday, June 3, 2023

Annual Meeting: Saturday, July 8, 2023

General Meeting: Saturday, September 9, 2023

VELA 2023 PICNIC

Tentative Date 8/5/23