



Van Etten Lake Association (VELA)
ANNUAL MEETING
July 6, 2024 – 10:00 AM, Robert Parks Library

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 10am. Eight board members present; Diane Banks excused. 49 stakeholders were present.
 - Pledge
 - Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes (June 1, 2024 General Meeting) – Rick Copland- Approved
- III. Board President's Comments – Rick Copland- The VELA website is being updated. Members are encouraged to visit the website to see the changes.
Vote on By-Laws Amendment- Discussion concerns- what is the reason for increased dues? Should have a plan before requesting more money? What things could we be proactive about? Concerns about how much the associate membership costs and the appearance of VELA promoting these businesses without a vetting process of some sort. Maybe revisit this in the future? It was asked could we lower it to \$50 instead of \$100 (this did not pass with only having 8 in favor). The general vote to pass the By-Law Amendment failed, only having 23 votes in favor.
Vote on raising VELA membership dues from \$20 to \$25- This passed with 35 in favor.
- IV. Reports:
 - Treasurer - Leonard Brockhahn
 - Current Financials-
 - 2024 Budget Approval- - approved with a note brought to attention by Dan, who does water testing; Funding for water testing (\$200) needs to be added to the budget
 - Weed Committee – Leonard Brockhahn- Some changes were made this year to do a 3 year contract with Solitude through the township. 1 survey has been done. The first application in the North bay was done and then a second, widespread, application was done. A second survey will be done soon. The lake is looking pretty good so far this season.
- V. **VELA Board Member Elections**
 - The Board shall have a total membership of nine (9)
 - Only regular members may hold office
 - Only regular members may vote
 - The term of office for elected board members shall be two (2) years
 - After the Annual Meeting in July, the Board of Directors shall elect from its members a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary

With 4 vacancies, there were 5 members who wanted to run for the positions (Richard Copland, Helen Shastal, Mike Woods, Janet Swanson, and John Boettger). A vote was conducted so that each member would write down 4 of the 5 members that they wanted to be on the board. Members then tallied up the counts and determined that the following members would now be serving: Helen Shastal, Janet Swanson, John Boettger, and Mike Woods.

Note: Newly elected board members should stay after the Annual meeting for a brief board meeting to elect new officers.

- VI. Comment/Question Period- It was brought up to focus on increasing membership. There was talk of having members speak to their neighbors, welcome packets, maybe make up some Van Etten Lake mugs to give members/new members. Maybe we have a membership committee?

Upcoming Meetings:

General Meeting: Saturday, September 7, 2024 –
10:00am, Robert Parks Library

Annual Picnic (Mark your Calendars):

Saturday, August 3, 2023 – 6:00pm
Ken Ratliff Memorial Park – Warrior Pavilion

Attachment 1

VELA By-Laws

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING PRIVILEGES

~~Section 2: Booster Membership~~

~~A. Any government agency, organization or non-property owner who wishes to support the Association.~~

~~B. Booster members do not have voting privileges.~~

Amend Section 2 under Article III to the following:

Section 2: Associate Membership

A. A business, organization, or non-property owner who wishes may apply to support the Association.

B. Associate members do not have voting privileges.

C. Associate members annually dues will be \$100.00.

D. Associate members will be listed on the website with the option for a live link if provided, as available.

E. All applications for Associate Membership are subject to approval by the VELA board.

Note:

This motion to change the VELA By-Laws requires:

"A. A by-law amendment must be introduced in writing at one of the three (3) meetings.

B. A proposed by-law amendment must be voted on at the following meeting.

C. It takes a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to pass a by-law amendment."

(VELA By-Laws)