

Lake Vermont Lake Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2013

President Ron Tschaekofske called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Board members present were Ron T, president, Paul Jennings, treasurer, Judy Jaskowiak, vice president, Sue Kugler, director, Mike Kellen, director, Dan Witmer, director and Sharon Wildman, secretary.

Ron established that there was a legal quorum of members present (about 30 individuals).

Old Business

Ron reported on the access road and where it stands today. The township board did not get the grant from the DNR which would have lowered the individual assessment cost by about 40%. The thought is to hold off on doing anything and re-apply for the grant next year.

The access to Lake Vermont has eroded considerably over time. Some work was done on it this spring but the water flow continues to wash the gravel away. The DNR will have to fix the water flow issue first. A question was raised re: closing the public access. Discussion to come under new business.

The boat decontamination unit was at the access earlier in June on a weekday night. There were only 2 boats inspected. Ron visited with them and thanked them for coming, hoping they would come again at a busier time.

Paul Jennings made the motion to accept the secretary's minutes as published in the newsletter. Mary Kilpo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul read the treasurer's report for the year ending 12/31/2012. Dan Ness made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Mike Kellen seconded it. Motion carried.

A quick question from Ron to the audience with the answer to be written on a piece of paper with the name of the individual. How many walleye were stocked in Lake Vermont in 2012? The answer: 5,173. Bob Krueger won the prize for being closest. That number amounts to about 540#.

Dale Wildman reported on water clarity. The first reading was taken June 16 this year and the secci disk reading was 22'. Last spring it was 20' and the readings decline to about 13' by the end of summer.

Judy Jaskowiak reported on lake levels. The gauge needed to be straightened so Judy did that on May 7 with ice still on the lake! The gauge was set on May 17 and the lake at that time was 1' higher than on October 5, 2012.

There was discussion regarding a lake wide clean up day. Dan Wittmer had been in contact with Dennis Hanson, 57303 County Hwy 46, Parkers Prairie who will take almost anything and recycle it. His phone number is 320-304-0618 if anyone would want to get rid of things now. Otherwise, Labor Day weekend was suggested as a possible pick up date around the lake.

New Business

Nominations from the floor included:

Terry Tancabel, nominated by Paul Jennings, seconded by Sharon Wildman

Vi Buhl volunteered and the nomination was seconded by Patty Benkufsky

Jim Kontz, nominated by Sue Kugler, seconded by Shirley Tschaekofske

Blake Jaskowiak made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Norm Kilpo, motion carried.

All voted in favor of the new board members.

Steve Henry was our speaker from Douglas County soil and water department. He spoke about Lake Vermont, how it came into existence, what type soil surrounds it and being spring fed means the levels depend on the aquifers below, not on water running into it. It was a very interesting look at what we didn't know about our "champagne" quality lake.

All members had received copies of the proposed changes to the LVLA bylaws. Dale Wildman moved to accept the proposed changes, Gordy Hart seconded the motion, motion carried.

Blake Jaskowiak made a motion that the lake association approach the DNR and ask them to relinquish control of the public access and turn it over to lake association, Ricardo seconded it. After discussion, the motion failed.

Dan Wittmer motioned to adjourn, Jim Kontz seconded it, motion carried.

Door prizes were awarded.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Wildman
Secretary