

Lake Vermont Lake Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2019

LVLA Board members present: President Eric Athman, Vice President: Charles Bitzen, Treasurer; Kim Bredeson, Secretary; Gail Pelzer, Director; Kathy Anderson, Director; Linda Allebach, Not present today - Director; Jim Kontz.

Eric Athman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome

- Good morning and thank you everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Board members introduce themselves.
- All attendees introduce themselves.
- Membership forms, 2018 meeting minutes and 2019 agenda available for members.

Announcements

- Thank you to Paul & Maureen Deidrich for hosting our meeting.

Secretary's Minutes

- Minutes from 2018 were presented. One correction was noted by Shirley Tschaekofske and that was to add Mike Kellen's name to the list of members who helped with the loon nests in 2018. Correction was noted and a motion was made by Shirley Tschaekofske to accept 2018 meeting minutes. Dan Whittmer made a 2nd motion. 2018 minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

- June 2019 balance = \$ 5,901.00
- Clean up fund = \$ 2485.00
- Fish Fund = \$450.00
- General fund = \$ 2,966.18
- Motion was made by Mary Kilpo to accept report, seconded by Bill Brunson. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- **Water depth reading-** Judy Jaskowiak (not present today) Ron T. reports that as of May, 2019 the water level reading was 1434.60 feet. This is the highest reading in the past 15 years. Our average water level during the past 15 years was 1434.1 feet. The average reading is approximately ½ foot lower than the May reading. The most the lake can drop is to the bottom of culvert which as of June 22, 2019 is 14 inches. Judy also is retiring from doing the depth readings. Paul Diedrich volunteered to take over the lake depth reading.
- **Water Clarity Testing-** Mike Kellen reports that the secchi disk is dropped in the lake May through sept. The results are posted on the RMB labs (in Detroit Lakes) website and there is a link to the results on the Lake associations website. Clarity readings for 2018 were 15ft.- 12.5ft- 14ft. Clarity reading so far for 2019 was 18.5 ft.

Remembrances

- We took a moment to remember our lake neighbors and friends who have passed away since our last meeting. They were wonderful advocates for Lake Vermont and very beneficial members of our Lake association. They will be missed.
- Robert "Bob" Benkufsky 10/20/18
- Lena Burke 7/25/18
- Monica Athman Sept. 2018
- Dwayne Daylan spring/summer 2018
- Blake Jaskowiak 5/14/18

Old Business

- Tracy Amsden volunteered to maintain the website for another year.
- Ron Tschaekofske reported that the loon nests are in and have been placed in new areas where loons have been seen.
- Township has replaced the drainage culvert on E. Lk. Vermont road. There is a new 16" culvert in place. There was much discussion about future culverts needed and where all the water is going. Eric Gesell talked about how after the new culvert was placed his meadow and woods are full of water. He is unable to get to his back field. Eric G. also stated he wished more research was done to do things in the correct order to prevent this from happening. Members voiced concern about the water levels. Eric Gesell suggested forming a committee to work with DNR and Township for future concerns and ideas dealing with the water such as more/new culverts and drainage ditches. Erik Eaton made a motion to form a committee, Paul Diedrich seconded the motion. Erik Eaton volunteered to head the committee. Ron Tschaekofske, Eric Gesell, Charlie Bitzen and Andy Anderson also volunteered to be on the committee.

New Business

- There is no news to report from Douglas County Lake Association. Ron Tschaekofske and Erik Eaton will try to make some of the meetings throughout the year if possible.
- Members were in favor of having a 4th of July Boat Parade again this year. A time of 3:00 pm was set on the 4th of July.
- We also talked about having another lake association picnic in August. Bill and Bonnie Brunson have hosted the past two years and they will not be able to host this year. Thank-you Bill & Bonnie for the past two years of fun! Tami and Kim Bredeson at 18100 E. Lk Vermont Rd. N.E. offered to host the picnic this year. Sat. August 24th at 2:00 pm. Hotdogs and buns will be provided. Bring a dish to share and your beverages.
- Douglas County Aquatic Plant survey will be done on Lake Vermont free of charge. It is usually done in late July – early August. They will go to a depth of 15' and test the aquatic plants.
- Walleye stocking was discussed again for 2019. Eric Gesell mention that we may be able to get bigger walleye stock from Bosek Bait. Ron T. made a motion for Eric Gesell to get more information and form a report on how this would all work. Eric G. agreed to getting more info. The motion was seconded by Ty Midboe. Jim Kontz volunteered to work with the sportsman's club if we decide to go the same route as last year.
- No wake zone of 300 ft. from shore due to high water levels.

Board Elections

- Nominations for 2 positions, each for a 3 year term.
- Steve Van Winkel nominated and made a motion to elect Erik Eaton. Motion was seconded by Terry Tancabel. Motion carried.
- Donna Athman nominated and made a motion to elect Tami Bredeson. Motion was seconded by Paul Diedrich. Motion Carried.

Door Prizes

Door prize drawing was held and prizes given out. A big Thank -you to all our local businesses and individuals who donated to our annual meeting.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kathy Hawk, seconded by Paul Diedrich. Meeting adjourned.

Recorded by Gail Pelzer, Secretary

Board Meeting after general meeting.