

HANCOCK LAKE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual Meeting

June 14th, 2014

The Annual Meeting of the Hancock Lake Association, Inc. was called to order by President Randy Fechter at 9:10am on June 14th, 2014 at the Woodboro Town Hall. Officers present were President Randy Fechter, Vice President Bill Tischendorf, Treasurer Joann Beltz, Secretary Sherry Fechter, Directors George Beltz and Mick Ahlers. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Neighborhood Watch Program:

We had Deputy Sara Wolosek present to give us updated information on the Neighborhood watch program in our area. "If you suspect suspicious, unusual vehicles or people in the area call 911 and give a description of the vehicle or person. We are not to approach the vehicle or people you should wait for the police to arrive. Sara also mentioned that there have been some phone scams occurring ; 1) asking for you to send money for a family member in need 2) if you don't pay the money you own them they will send out the police to arrest you." Sara stated that the police wouldn't do this. If you think you have a scam phone call or a computer message in your email notify the police, hang up the phone immediately and if possible get the phone number of the person calling you. Sara also brought some Neighborhood Watch signs for people to purchase. If you are interested in any of the following please contact Sara at: swolosek@co.oneida.wi.us. Large (24" x 12") metal \$26: Medium (12"x12") metal \$21: Small (9"x12") metal \$16 or Small (9"x12") plastic. She also has stickers available to place on your windows or magnets with the Oneida County Contact Phone Numbers for emergencies and non-emergencies concerns.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer reported that we have \$5403.58 in our bank account.

OLD BUSINESS:

Island Restoration:

Randy Fechter read a letter from DNR Phil Puestow about the State Owned Island on the lake.

"I was out to the island this spring to plant trees. I placed White Pine, Red Oak, a few Sugar Maples and some Red Osier Dogwood shrubs behind the new retaining wall and along the shoreline to the North. The work that the association helped to complete on the wall and bench looks great. If that is possible, I would like to continue the last 16' to the walk way to the north and finish the erosion/step walkway down to the wall. Then the project would be tied together. I have had a few positive calls on the improvement to the Island from visitors this spring saying that it really looks good and looks family friendly with the fire ring above and clear sand beach for swimming. Please pass along to the Association members that I really appreciate all of their help and financial assistance. I would not have been able to do the project without your help."

There was a discussion about using some of our money in the bank to pay for the completion of the Island Restoration Project. It would cost less than \$200 to complete. There was a motion made and seconded to pay for the remainder of the Island restoration using the Lake Association funds. The members present were all in favor of this. Randy will contact Phil to get the exact amount of what it would cost to finish this project.

Dam Inspection:

Bill Tischendorf gave us an update on the ten year inspection of the Dam. There are no major problems with the Dam per the Flambeau Engineering, LLC on the Hancock Lake Dam Safety Inspection Report that was completed on December 6, 2013. This Dam was built in February of 1929, before that the original Dam was built out of timbers. Every 10 years the State of WI requires you to have a Dam Safety Inspection done. The inspection report was submitted to the WDNR. The following are items noted at the inspection, the action needed and the completion date for the items are listed as:

- 1) Signage – A portage sign is to be installed to indicate a portage route. A sign will be ordered and installed when the weather is favorable – April 30th, 2014.
 - 2) Brush Removal – Removal of shrubs upstream and downstream embankments – October 31st, 2014. This was already completed in October 2013 by the Hancock Lake Association.
 - 3) Embankment Maintenance – Erosion on the left side upstream and downstream must be filled in and seeded or riprap to stabilize ground – October 31st, 2014.
 - 4) Inspection Operations and Maintenance Plan – Update as needed.
 - 5) Emergency Action Plan – Update as needed – This has been updated already.
 - 6) Concrete Walls – the concrete is in fairly good condition, some areas showing signs of wear. Last repair to this was in 1989. Continue to monitor and inspection of the concrete should be conducted in 2018.
 - 7) Spillway Outlet – Scoring was observed at the end of the concrete spillway, this void should be repaired by filling with smaller stones, fill or grout the larger riprap placed on the top – November 30th, 2014.
 - 8) Outlet Culverts – debris partially blocking the twin culverts downstream – April 31st, 2014.
- All of these items should be completed by due dates.

Per Sherry Tischendorf Town of Woodboro Chairperson the Signage will not be placed at the Dam due to this is located on private property.

Every Spring and Fall there is to be an Inspection of the Dam by the Lake Association. We have a checklist to go by to do this Inspection with. Bill will pick a date and time for these Inspections and we will list this on the website.

Summer Boat Gathering:

There was a discussion about the success of last year's summer boat gathering that maybe we should have this as an annual Lake Association event. There was a motion made by Bill Tischendorf to have an annual summer boat gathering to meet out on the water by the beach side that is on the state owned Island on the 1st Saturday of August at Noon.

Ice Fishing Jamboree Cancellation:

The ice fishing jamboree that we had along with Mark Tischendorf's ice fishing tournament was cancelled due to the bad weather we had prior to the event causing the lake to be slushy and dangerous to drive on. We will be planning this as an annual event on the 1st Saturday in February along with Marc's ice fishing tournament.

Hancock Lake Updates:

Bill Tischendorf discussed the update of the weed, harvest and water levels on the lake. He stated he hasn't spent much time on the lake this year but he did notice there is more AIS weed that is popping up around the bogs and down to the boat landing. Bill talked about the Milfoil Weevil treatment plan that some of the lakes are doing. It could be a 5-7 year plan at a cost of \$1.25 per Weevil and we would need about 50-60 thousand of them to help control the Milfoil that is in our lake. He also explained about the process of the AIS weed pulling along with the type of weather conditions that are needed to do this. Bill will contact the members via email when the next weed pulling date and time will be. He also explained about the water level gauge reading at 1.18 this year which is slightly above the normal mark.

Oneida Lake Association Update:

George Beltz is a member of the Oneida Lake Association Board and he mentioned that they meet the 2nd Saturday in August for their Annual Lake Association meeting. He explained what their association is doing to help to control their AIS which is upstream from our lake. They have depleted their grant money for controlling the milfoil by using chemicals and scuba divers pulling their AIS weeds. It has not stopped the milfoil from appearing on some of their shorelines. George will let us know what their association will be deciding to as their next step for controlling their milfoil problem.

NEW BUSINESS:**Boat Landing Upkeep:**

Town Chairperson Sherry Tischendorf gave an update on the boat landing pier and driveway. The Town of Woodboro is responsible for anything above the water and the town will repair any holes in the blacktop. In 2008 the new pier was placed into the lake but it was never registered through the DNR. Sherry will present an update to the board members for further discussion.

Boat Landing Power Loading Sign:

Sherry Tischendorf presented two "No power loading" signs to be installed at the boat landing from the town of Woodboro. Sherry will get us a post to be installed at the boat landing to apply the signs too. We will notify our members on when we will install this post and signs.

Waves (Water Action Volunteers):

Bill Tischendorf mentioned that **Waves** is a citizen's stream monitoring program that monitors the water flowing into and out of lakes. He has been a volunteer doing this on our lake since 2013. He monitors the living species and the flow rate at several spots on the streams, 2 times a year.

Lake Association Website Domain Name Change:

Randy presented information from Bruce Mezei about looking into getting our website a shorter domain name. Bruce is checking into the set up and yearly fee. Once he gets this he will be presenting it to the board members.

Town of Woodboro Website:

Sherry Tischendorf informed the members that the website is "TownofWoodboro.com". This is listed on our websites home page.

Changing the Annual Dues:

Discussion was brought up to the board to see if we could lower the price of annual dues for couples to \$30. It was noted that our current fee is in the bylaws and if this would be changed it would have to be presented to all members for a vote. It was agreed that further discussion is needed.

Suggestions for Projects:

It was brought up to the members present at the meeting to think of projects that the lake association could do to help promote wildlife habitat around the lake. Some suggestions that were brought up are Bat, Bird and Wood Duck houses.

Elections of Officers:

President – Bill Tischendorf nominated Randy Fechter and it was seconded by Jerry Sheahan

Vice President – Randy Fechter nominated Bill Tischendorf and it was seconded by Jerry Sheahan

Director – Randy Fechter nominated Bruce Mezei and it was seconded by Joann Beltz

Picnic Update:

Jerry Sheahan of the picnic planning committee talked about the annual picnic being held at Alpine Resort on Oneida Lake on Saturday July 19th at 12 noon. We will supply the brats, burgers, condiments, soda, paper plates and utensils. Jerry stated that Laurie Weston will be helping again this year with the food. You are asked to bring a dish to pass and other drinks should be purchased at the resort. There will be raffles, door prizes and a silent auction. Please bring any items you wish to donate for the auction. Jerry has asked for help with setting up at 10 am on this Saturday at the resort. If you are interested in helping please be there by this time. He has also asked for help with clean up after the party. There was a discussion to purchase a Kayak to give as the main door prize and purchased for about \$300 from the lake association. Al Schroeder made a motion to have the lake association purchase the Kayak for the main door prize and it was seconded by Jerry Sheahan. It should be noted that only paid members present qualify for this door prize. Please plan to attend this year's picnic.

A motion was made by Sherry Tischendorf and seconded by Bob Thostensen to adjourn the meeting.

Sherry S. Fechter

Secretary

Vote for the 2014 nominated officers of the Hancock Lake Association

President: Randy Fechter YES _____ NO _____ Write In _____

Vice President: Bill Tischendorf YES _____ NO _____ Write In _____

Director: Bruce Mezei YES _____ NO _____ Write In _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Comments: _____

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