

HANCOCK LAKE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 10TH, 2006



In accordance with the bylaws, the Annual Meeting was held on Saturday June 10, 2006 at 9:00 A. M. at the Woodboro Town Hall.

Dick Statton, as interim President, called the meeting to order. The temporary officers Gene Klawikowski, Bill Tischendorf, Lou Mezei, Pat Thostenson, and George Beltz were present. Michael Powers could not attend.

It was noted that we now have 44 members from 34 households. The balance at the bank in Tomahawk, after paying for mailings and incorporation papers, was \$745.68.

Dick, Gene, and Bill installed a bulletin board for information from the association at the corner of N and Hancock Lake Road. We may install others at the boat landing and/or on the corner of K and Hancock Lake Road.

One purpose of the meeting was to nominate permanent officers and directors to be voted on in an election to be held by mail (ballot enclosed). Mary Jane Losch made a motion to nominate the interim officers as permanent, and the motion was seconded by Mark Wendorff. The motioned was carried.

The officers nominated were Dick Statton president, Bill Tischendorf vice president, Gene Klawikowski secretary, Mike Powers treasurer, and Lou Mezei, Pat Thostenson, and George Beltz as at large directors.

The group discussed having a family picnic for all residents on the lake, to be held at Zeromski's Resort on Saturday July 22, 2006 starting at 3 pm and lasting until whenever. A motion was made by Laurie Weston and seconded by Jerry Sheahan to have the picnic. Motion carried. The Hospitality Committee consists of Mary Jane Losch, Dolly Meeuwsen, Sue Mezei, and Sally Klawikowski.

Brats, hamburgers, buns, chips and condiments will be provided as well as plates, silverware and napkins. Refreshments can be purchased at the resort. Please bring a dessert or dish to pass. You can come by boat or vehicle and please bring some lawn chairs. In order to determine the amount of food to buy, we would appreciate it if you would call **Dolly at 715-282-6679 or Sally at 715-282-5472** and let us know if you can attend.

Bill Tischendorf then reported that he discovered invasive weeds in the lake at approximately 100 meters ENE of the boat landing along the North East shore of the bay and behind the small island. The weeds are about 80 by 30 meters. Here are Bill's comments:

June 2d the DNR confirmed the plant I brought in to them was in fact "Curly Leaf Pond Weed". On June 7th I met Nicole Nikolaus, Water Resources Management Specialist for the DNR, at the boat landing. We viewed the curly leaf colony, took samples and photos, and also took GPS readings. Our next step will be to meet with Kevin Gauthier at the DNR review our options. Nicole felt that we would need to do a complete lake survey using that data to formulate a management plan. We could apply for a "Rapid Response Grant" once we have idea options and the consensus of the association.

The two main challenges associated with management of curly leaf pondweed are to minimize damage to native plants and to produce long-term control. Curly leaf can be managed using habitat manipulation, mechanical harvesting, and herbicides. Since curly leaf is generally gone by mid-July management activities should be undertaken in spring or very early summer to have the maximum benefit. Long-term management requires the reduction or elimination of turions to interrupt the life cycle of curly leaf pondweed.

Habitat manipulations such as water level drawdown, dredging, or bottom barriers can be used to manage curly leaf pondweed. Fall drawdown can prevent curly leaf from growing the following summer by exposing turions to freezing temperatures. Dredging can be used to control curly leaf by increasing water depth. Bottom barriers can be used to prevent the growth of rooted aquatic macrophytes in small areas. Control of all rooted species is immediate and lasts as long as the barriers are well maintained. Barriers are expensive to install and maintain. Most habitat manipulation projects will require special permits and coordination among lake managers and state fish and wildlife agencies.

Curly leaf pondweed can be managed mechanically by raking, cutting, or harvesting vegetation. Raking and hand cutting generally remove the plants at the sediment surface, while harvesting generally removes the top five feet of the plants. Mechanical methods control plants in the specific areas where they are causing a nuisance and there is immediate relief from the nuisance.

There are a small number of aquatic herbicides that can be used to control curly leaf pondweed. Good to excellent control of curly leaf can be obtained using formulations of diquat (e.g., Reward@) and endothall (e.g., Aquathol@) (Westerdahl and Getsinger, 1988).

It was noted the Rusty Crayfish species is also in the lake. The DNR installed a large sign at the boat landing notifying boaters of the presence of the weed and the crayfish. Bill will be meeting with the DNR to discuss the next steps. A committee made up of Jerry Sheahan, Bob Thostenson, Gene Klawikowski, and Dick Statton, to assist Bill in this matter. Enclosed is a card from the DNR explaining the issues with the Curly-Leaf Pondweed. Notice the picture and if anyone sees the weed elsewhere in the lake, please let Bill know. Once we know more about the next steps in the process, the association will call other meetings to decide what the level of involvement of the association should be. Bill will have more information on this subject and will present it to those attending the picnic.

A motion was made by Sally Klawikowski, and seconded by Mark Wendorff to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Hope to see you all on July 22 at Zeromski's Resort!

Vote for the nominated officers of the Hancock Lake Association.

____ YES

____ NO

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Comments _____

Write-ins _____

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