Hancock Lake Association Meeting

October 8, 2005, 9 a.m. Woodboro Town Hall

At the October 8th, 2005 meeting, the results of the vote were announced. Of the 77 ballots mailed out, there were 28 "yes" votes, 20 "no" votes, with the remainder of the ballots not returned. A vote of the people attending the meeting was taken and the motion to form the lake association passed unanimously.

The next item of discussion was a move to incorporate the association and again the motion was again passed unanimously. Dick Statton, Steve Weston and Mike Powers volunteered to be on the incorporation committee with the help of Mark Wendorff who is leading these efforts. The association name was voted on and "Hancock Lake Association, Inc." was adopted.

Next, the association's Bylaws were discussed and a motion was passed to ask for volunteers to examine two different sets of by-laws that were offered for inspection. The Bylaws committee consists of Lou Mezei, Bill Tischendorf, Mary Jane Losch, Dolly Meeuwsen, Ron Stegeman, Mark Wendorff and Randy Fechter. It was decided that this group will meet with Dan Kuzlik on 10/29/05 at the UW Extension's office in Rhinelander to review our next steps, the Bylaws, and to try to come up with a consensus set of Bylaws to be presented at our next meeting. Links to model Bylaws, a first draft of our Bylaws, and email contact information of team members can be found on our web site:

http://webpages.charter.net/mezilu/HancockLakeAssociation.htm .

There were additional discussions of interest but one in particular was regarding Eurasian Milfoil. Bill Tischendorf brought in a sample of this weed in a water filled jar so everyone could see what this quickly spreading weed looks like in an attempt to help the members identify it. Our thanks to Bill and Sherry for their efforts to educate including leaflets and pamphlets for anyone that wanted to take one. Another discussion was related to a common desire to have Association get-togethers. It was proposed by Dick Statton that we have a flotilla of pontoon boats on the lake next summer and that met with wide acceptance.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and that motion was passed. After the meeting adjourned, it was reported that there was still a lake resident that was not on our mailing list, but that the contact information for the person was unknown. We had made every effort to be thorough (using Oneida County and Woodboro tax records). However, if you know of anyone we missed, please bring contact information to the next meeting and we will make efforts to contact them.

Next Meeting and Agenda

The next meeting of the Hancock Lake Association will take place on November 5, 2005 at 9:00 at the Woodboro Town Hall. Anyone wishing to contribute to this meeting is welcome to attend. This will be an important meeting as there will be reports given on the incorporation efforts and the proposed Bylaws. The Bylaws will be discussed, amended if needed, and a vote on adoption of the Bylaws will be made.

Pending adoption of the Bylaws, our next mail communication to you will be notification of the adopted Bylaws (which you can see on our web site), the annual fee (as defined in the final Bylaws), and a formal invitation to join. Should you decide to join and receive future announcements, meeting minutes, emails, etc., you will need to send in the annual fee by January 1, 2006. Should you decide not to join at this time, we will be holding annual membership drives ... although you can contact a board member anytime to join should you change your mind.