



# HANCOCK LAKE



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## Message from the Board

**The purpose of the Association is to maintain, protect, and enhance the quality of the lake and its surroundings for the collective interests of the members.**

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### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Hancock Lake Association, Inc. was called to order by President, Dick Statton at 9:00 A.M. on June 11, 2011 at the Woodboro Town Hall. Officers present were Dick Statton, George Beltz, Bill Tischendorf, Gene Klawikowski, Randy Fechter, Mike Powers and Lou Mezei. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the minutes were approved. A neighborhood watch update by Oneida County deputy Sara Wolosek, along with a presentation

by Oneida County AIS coordinator Michele Sadauskas were a few things of interest to those in attendance. The board is always looking for ways to increase attendance at the meeting and would welcome any suggestions from its membership as to guest speakers or presentations.

### Lake Association Picnic

The Lake Association's summer picnic was held July 23 held at the Alpine Resort on Oneida Lake. The Association provided the meat, buns, soda, paper plates, utensils, and everyone brought a dish to pass, there was an abundance of excellent food, and camaraderie in spite of the rain. The shelters provided by the Alpine Resort saved the day as the summer rain storm passed through. The silent auction and the door prizes were great hits with everyone. The board would like to thank Jerry Sheahan and Lori Weston for all their work in making the picnic a great success. ☺

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### Other News

The Annual Meeting of the Hancock Lake Association will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. at the Woodboro Town Hall. The tentative date for the picnic is July 21 at the Alpine Resort on Oneida Lake.

SherryFechter reported as to the Crime Watch that there were no incidents reported on the lake.

Bill installed a staff gage at the dam to better monitor what is happening to the water level.

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northern Minnesota, Wisconsin, Upper Michigan giving us some insight into their day to day movement along with their migration, their movements can be followed on the web at: **[www.umesc.usgs.gov/terrestrial/migratory\\_birds/loons/migrations.html](http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/terrestrial/migratory_birds/loons/migrations.html)** .

 April 26 the last of the ice is gone, May 4<sup>th</sup> did the first secchi reading along with a temp/do profile and phosphorus sample. Ideally one would like to take secchi disc readings and temperature profiles every two weeks, with dissolved oxygen readings once a month, however it is not always possible to do. DNR guidelines require the phosphorus and chlorophyll sampling be done within the two weeks after ice out and the last two weeks of June, July and August these are sent to the lab in Madison for analysis. Over all the water clarity was lower this year than the previous two years, closer to the norm, possibly attributing to the reduction in plant growth this year. Lake data can be viewed on the DNR site at **<http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/CLMN/>**, select the county and lake.



The growing season this year seems to have produced considerably less vegetation both native and invasive. Gone this year were the large mats of floating vegetation that were so troublesome last year, also the Eurasian Water Milfoil patches were reduced in size. Oneida Lake upstream treated their EWM this year this may of had a residual effect on Hancock its not known. The large patch between the SNW buoy and the bogs on the west shore was concisely reduced, we have been hand pulling this patch the last couple of years, I like to think this is a sign we are making a little difference. We only got out one time this year and pulled a boat load from the patch farther south in the main channel. The lake association continues to monitor the Eurasian water milfoil, and curly leaf pondweed. The Research Bureau of the DNR also does a yearly point intercept survey as they have over the last several years as part of their ongoing statewide Eurasian water milfoil monitoring project. ©

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**From the South Shore** by Bill Tischendorf Summer's water and Autumn's color have given way to Winter's ice and snow, we have put away the boats and fishing tackle and pulled out the skis, snowshoes and tip ups. I will take this time to recap my year.



The loons returned to Hancock for the summer April 15<sup>th</sup> they were unsuccessful in their nesting attempt, abandoning the nest after laying two eggs, if it was the black flies or other disturbances that drove them from the nest we do not know. By now our loons are back to their winter grounds in the gulf. Only the male of the pair has bands yellow/red on the right leg and green/silver on the left leg. The old pair also spent the summer on the lake resulting in an occasional battle between the males, the old male is banded silver/red, red/yellow, the silver and yellow can easily be mistaken for white. Since the legs of the loon are so far back the bands are sometime thought to be bobbers tangled in the legs. While we can not track the Hancock Lake loons to know precisely where they winter the USGS has attached radio transmitters to several loons in