

SUMMER OF 1975 NEWSLETTER

ALTON - BARNSTEAD HALFMOON LAKE ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to Eric Morton who was voted to be the Association's new president and to Dick Gilchrist, who was voted as vice president. They succeed Jim Parish and Ed Blair. The Lake Association is organized with 16 representatives who represent 150 families around the lake. The officers are chosen from amongst the representatives by the representatives.

There are lake maps and directories of names and addresses of the people around the lake still available for those who didn't get a copy last year. All dues paying members are entitled to one of each.

The Lake Association meeting was held Sunday, July 20, and the next one is scheduled for 10 A.M. Sunday, August 24th. The meeting is generally held at Frank Brewster's cottage, next to the boys' camp. All association members are invited to attend, although voting is limited to the representatives.

Dues of \$1.00 per family are to be collected by the area reps this month. If you have any lake business you wish to be covered at the next meeting, you should discuss it with your rep. The best procedure, naturally, is to present it yourself for the most accurate description and to be able to answer questions on it.

A long discussion took place about the Alton public beach situation. There is much concern about water pollution, land pollution, people safety in the water and on the road, and nuisance factor. A committee of Joe Arigo, as chairman, Bill Hooker, Eric Morton, and Janice McCready was formed to take action on the subject. Records show that concern about this is documented back as far as 1970. If you wish to help you should contact one of these people. See your map for their location or directory for their home addresses and phones.

John Alleigro reported on the fining situation. He has written a letter to the state authorities and has received a response from them. They are taking a survey of the lake to determine the needs. John will contact them again soon, if they don't contact him, to get the results.

John Alleigro also reported on the project of getting a blinking light posted at the North Barnstead Road and Rte. 28 intersection. Less serious intersections nearby already have lights. Several serious accidents have occurred on the curved sections of road after the long straightaway in front of Locke Lake Colony. The Town Selectmen are checking with the State Dept. about its installation.

George Geer reported on the emergency services project. This is the best identification of your cottage by street name and number so fire, police, and ambulance service can find you quickly. Last year we named all roads and you have probably noticed signs appearing. Next we plan to number cottages, and the association has voted funds to buy luminous numbers for all families who wish to display them on cottage or a tree. George will also coordinate these activities with the fire, police, ambulance and town officials.

Hank Mahn reported on the launching ramp project. Hank surveyed several people living in the area, and the ramp area itself in detail. He reported much strong feeling in the discussions with people, and opinions ranging from "do nothing" to "do the whole job complete." There definitely was not enough opinion trend to determine a course of action. After more discussion at the meeting, it was decided that Dean Finthey, the builder and contractor on the lake, would secure some equipment and volunteers would work with him to move the material in the water where it is too shallow to up on the shore where it is

needed on the ramp drive. All you people who think something should be done to improve the ramp have the opportunity to show up and help. If you don't show up you may not have many ears tuned to hear your complaint in the future. Dean is expected to have the equipment in two or three weeks. Contact him about helping by calling 776-4631 or visiting him on South Shore Drive (see your map). He will call you when he gets the equipment.

Our friendly boat inspector, Lawrence Chagnon of Pittsfield, N.H., can be reached on 435-8150. He asked that we make note in this letter that all boats 16 ft. and over are required this year to have Coast Guard approved life jackets for everyone in the boat, also the old stand-by rules still apply, that all boats are required to have life preservers (sail & motor) and lights when used at night (canoes, fishing boats, etc.) Motor boats require fire extinguisher and whistle (horn). Reminder: the agreed upon direction for water skiing is counter clockwise. Boats must have a watcher (12 years old or more.)

The area representatives and their alternates are as follows, starting at Alton beach, going clockwise:

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Bill Hooker	Larry Faus
Eric Morton (President)	Bob Hickey
George Geer	Waldo Reed
Frank Brewster (Treasurer)	
Bob Kinney	Manchester Y.M.C.A. Camp
Dick Gilchrist (Vice President)	Joe Valle
Bill Dugan	Aubrey French
Dick Headley	Fern Hill Development
Jim Parish	Barbara Smith
Kay Dennehy	Girls' Camp
John Hayward	Ed Strange
John Alliegro	Charlie Clark
Hank Mahn	Art Gilbert
Ed Blair	George Hetu
Janice McCready (secretary)	Wally Colcord
Don Corbett	Bill Labbe
Joe Arigo	Bill Landry

We are preparing for another printing of the lake map with an update on names, roads, etc. We will do the same with the directory, updating phone numbers, addresses, new owners, etc., so be sure your representative has the corrections or call them to Jim Parish, 776-4066.

The new Halfmoon Store owners, Al and Dot Vailancourt have made peace with the phone company and the pay phone is back in service. They have also allowed their store outside door to be used for a "for sale & Wanted" bulletin board as long as it doesn't create any problems. It is a great service to property owners to have the store open until 11 p.m.

A word of caution for all motor bike riders. Please slow down on the dirt roads and especially when rounding the curves. So far accidents have been averted and we would like to keep the roads safe for everyone.

Word has just reached us about a new H.d. State law that affects docks or construction in the waters of N.H. As we understand the law, a property owner must file application when making a new dock installation or replacing an old dock with a new one. Be advised that it is your responsibility to comply. We will keep you advised as we learn more.

In closing, I wish to thank you for the wonderful cooperation you've given the Association since we've started. You rallied with your funds for building the dam and objecting to the airstrip. You wrote letters to governmental agencies and supported public hearings on two separate occasions. The representatives and officers have given much of their time at association meetings and following through on projects. With your continuing efforts we will keep the lake enjoyable for another generation.

Sincerely,

Jim Parish

Jim Parish
Outgoing President
Alton-Barnstead Halfmoon Lake Assoc.

Also serving:

Janice McCready, Secretary

Ed Blair, outgoing Vice-President

Frank Brewster, Treasurer