

ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION
SECRETARY'S REPORT AUGUST 20, 1978

The last meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association was held on Sunday, August 20, 1978 at Frank Brewster's cottage. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

The secretary's report was omitted. Treasuer Frank Brewster's report of a balance of \$1209.04 was accepted.

President Eric Morton urged all representatives to complete the collection of dues in their areas as soon as possible.

It was announced that the Boat Parade would be held on Saturday, September 2, (rain date, ~~Sept.~~ 3) starting from the Boys' Camp at 8 p.m. All representatives are to meet at the Boys' Camp at 7:30 where they will be issued flares to pass out, two each, to their area people as they arrive. Several representatives requested that the parade go well into the coves so that all cottages will be able to view it. It was also urged that the Warden be invited to participate, that two or three boat lengths be maintained between boats in the parade, that each boat provide its own long stick to attach its flares to and that the flares be lighted one at a time so that they would last the full 40 minutes of the parade. President Morton agreed to lead the parade again this year.

Harry Berry reported on the water testing recently completed in six areas of Half Moon Lake. The water was found to be Condition 2 - acceptable to swimming. Mr. Berry stated that he was still waiting for the report on the water at the public spring. Mr. Brewster read the deed concerning the spring and its use. Mr. Albert Porter stated that Mr.

McDonald of the Water Pollution Board tested the Lake's water in June 1977 and found the water very, very clear (97.4 with a color rating of 85).

The increased growth of algae in the lake was discussed. Mr. Richard Gilchrist requested that at the first meeting next year the Association hear a report on the general growth of algae over the years and how to prevent its spread.

It was reported that Locke Lake Colony has a life guard on duty full time on Saturdays and Sundays and a large number of swimmers, but no toilet facilities. President Morton asked for a two or three-member committee to give a full report next meeting after contacting the State, County and Town of Barnstead to ascertain their laws on this, after contacting the immediate abutters, and after approaching Locke Lake Colony on this subject. James Hackbush was appointed chairman of the committee. Mr. Porter agreed to serve on the committee and to contact Mr. McGee of the Water Resource Board to help.

The question of improving the condition of the boat ramp near the dam was discussed. Mr. Berry reported that he had obtained a bid from a contractor for \$150 to grade and install two inches compressed butuminous concrete half way up the ramp from the water line (35 ft. x 10 ft. wide). Mr. Hackbush asked what authority the Association had to make such changes and President Morton explained how our Association is a corporation with a constitution recognized by the State of New Hampshire.

A motion was made by Mr. John Allegro to poll the residents of the Lake as to whether they wanted the ramp repaired. Mr. Berry seconded the motion and the motion was carried. A committee was appointed to study the results of

the poll and to contact the residents in the area of the ramp. The committee consisted of Arthur Gilbert, Harry Berry, Roger Desjarlais and President Eric Morton.

Mr. Richard Gilchrist made a motion to donate \$75 to the YMCA Camp for their fireworks display this year instead of our usual \$50 donation. Mr. Berry seconded the motion and it was voted with the stipulation that the donation would only be made if the display would be at a time when most of the Lake residents could view it.

Mr. Richard Headley reported that application has been made to both the towns of Alton and Barnstead to have Half Moon Lake lowered 15 inches starting October 1 to allow property owners to clean their shores of algae, etc. He stated that the Locke Lake Association had applied to drain its lake to allow repairs to the logs of its dam.

Considerable discussion followed and Mr. Porter described the natural sandbar which helps to maintain the water level and how it would be against the law to touch it. Concern was expressed as to the loss of fish through lowering the Lake and how long it would take to refill the Lake to its natural level.

Mr. Headley explained how the State Water Resources Board had set the Lake level and built the dam and how all State agencies involved (such as Fish and Game, Water Pollution, etc.) would be consulted before permission would be granted to lower the Lake. Mr. Gilchrist expressed his hope that a fish weir would be installed to prevent the loss of fish during the lowering process.

Mr. Hackbush expressed his desire to prevent factions arising among Lake residents over a problem such as This.

Mr. Allegro motioned that the property owners be polled on this proposal through the Association Newsletter. Mr. Berry seconded the motion. Mr. George Hetu asked for an amendment to the motion requiring that a response of 60% of the property owners be received to make the poll valid. Mr. Allegro seconded the amendment. Mr. Hackbush asked for an amendment that all area representatives review the Newsletter before it was mailed to the Lake residents. This amendment was seconded by Mr. Edward Blair.

The motion to poll all property owners was voted with both amendments. President Morton requested all area representatives furnish him the names and addresses of all residents in their areas immediately so that they would all receive the Newsletter and be polled.

Mr. Morton reported that he had obtained the trophies for the 1977 and 78 ski shows and canoe races. The 1978 ski show will be held on Sunday, August 27 and final tryouts will be held at 10 a.m. that morning for anyone unable to attend the eliminations on August 13. Mr. Gilbert agreed to reset the ski course correctly and representatives were urged to request all the residents in their areas to keep boats away from the course during the races so that their wake would not spoil a skier's chances.

Mr. Gilchrist said that he hoped the effect of fertilizing lawns on the growth of algae in the water would be discussed further at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elvia Hetu
Secretary Pro-Tem