

ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION  
SECRETARY'S REPORT---AUGUST 26, 1979

The last meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association was held at Frank Brewster's cottage on August 26, 1979. The meeting was called to order by President John Allegro at 10:15 a.m. Those present were: John Allegro, Bud Bennett (sitting in for representative Tom Bennett), Harry Berry, Joseph Duran, Arthur Gilbert, Dick Headley, Elvia Hetu, George Hetu, Hank Mahn, John Marmaras, Eric Morton, and Jim Parish.

On a motion by Harry Berry, seconded by Art Gilbert, Elvia Hetu was nominated for the office of secretary. Nominations were closed on a motion by Harry Berry, seconded by John Marmaras, and Mrs. Hetu was elected unanimously.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Mr. Brewster announced a balance of \$1212.76 plus \$75 scheduled as a gift to the Boys' Camp, but not yet presented. George Hetu made a motion, seconded by Harry Berry, to reserve payment of the \$75 to the Boys' Camp until a later date. It was so voted unanimously.

It was announced that the boat parade would be held Saturday, September 2, with a rain date of Sunday, September 3. As there were ten flares left over from the previous year, on a motion by George Hetu, seconded by Bud Bennett, it was voted to buy 60 additional flares for 1979 and Mr. Bennett was commissioned to buy them. Tom Bennett is in charge of the boat parade which should start at the Bennett cottage. Area representatives were told to pick up the flares for their areas from Mr. Bennett during the day of September 2 and distribute them.

Harry Berry announced that the State of New Hampshire had determined that the water at the public spring was not up to its standards for drinking water. The brook running too near to the spring should be re-routed, the land around the pump should be raised and a ditch should be made to prevent the shed from the highway reaching the spring area.

A motion was made by Eric Morton, seconded by George Hetu, that a sign be posted immediately reading "This water does not meet the State of New Hampshire standard for drinking" and that a committee be appointed to approach the selectmen of the Town of Barnstead to see if the town would repair the condition or give our association a load of gravel toward its repair by our association. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Tom Bennett was commissioned to approach the selectmen of the Town of Alton to request that the sign reading "No Swimming - By Order of the Selectmen" be posted again in May 1980 at the public beach. The sign previously posted from May 30 to Labor Day had disappeared in 1979.

The secretary's report of the August 20, 1978 meeting was read and accepted.

Former president Eric Morton reported that there had not been time to poll all residents of the lake concerning re-doing the boat ramp and lowering the lake before these things would have to be done if they were to be done last fall and that he had been urged by many residents to delay action on these matters.

Art Gilbert and Harry Berry spoke in behalf of paving the boat ramp in the cove. A letter of October 1967 from Kent Locke was read which granted the association permission to do this. Eric Morton expressed concern about putting money into land which did not belong to the association.

Harry Berry made a motion, seconded by Art Gilbert, to make improvements to the bottom part of the ramp by paving and at an expenditure of not more than \$150. The motion was carried, but opposed by George Hetu. A committee, consisting of Mr. Berry, Mr. Headley, Mr. Morton, Mr. Gilbert and president Allegro, was appointed to work on the matter. Mr. Allegro agreed to advance the money for the ramp until dues could be collected to cover the ramp expense.

Mr. Allegro announced the ski competition to be held that afternoon

at 1:30 and chairmanned by Hank Mahn who had graciously taken over the job at the last minute and had made all the necessary arrangements for the 1979 competition. Mr. Mahn stated that he had requested permission from the State to hold the races, had requested inspectors to help close off the cove, and had purchased prizes and ribbons for the ski and canoe races. He asked all area representatives to inform the residents in their areas of the races. A motion by George Hetu, seconded by Eric Morton, to appropriate the \$80.00 to meet the expenses of the ski competition was voted unanimously. Art Gilbert was appointed chairman of the 1980 ski competition with Hank Mahn and George Hetu as co-chairmen.

Mr. Allegro thanked Jim Parish who had been an outstanding help in these ski competitions, supplying and driving his boat to pull all the skiers. Mr. Allegro also commended Jim Parish's work in organizing our association, its directories and maps. Mr. Allegro urged all area representatives to obtain the addresses of all new residents in their areas, getting them to join their local lake associations and thus contribute to the main association.

A motion by Art Gilbert, seconded by George Hetu, to raise the main association dues to \$2.00 a year effective in 1980, was carried unanimous

Jim Parish suggested a newsletter to be delivered in the spring to all residents by their area representatives who could collect dues at the same time and a fall newsletter, summing up the year's activities, to be mailed to each resident. Mr. Allegro asked all area representatives to have the addresses of all residents in their areas in his hands before the July 1980 meeting and to have collected all 1980 dues by that time.

It was stated that application had been made, and paid for, to renew the association's Articles of Agreement with the Secretary of the State of New Hampshire, as a non-profit organization.

A motion was made by George Hetu and seconded by John Marmaras that the water in Half Moon Lake be tested annually and more often, if

necessary, at the discretion of the president. The motion was carried unianimously.

Mr. Headley reported that Locke Lake Colony's insurance company requires the posting of a bond by all persons using the Locke Lake Colony beach in the cove who are not members of the Locke Lake Association. It was agreed that when the Barnstead Shores Half Moon Lake Association holds its annual Fourth of July picnic it will arrange with Francis Mooney, manager of Locke Lake Colony, about posting a bond.

Art Gilbert requested information on the number of hornpout in the lake and was shown the State Fisheries' report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m. until the next meeting to be held the second Sunday in July, 1980.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvia Hetu, Secretary