

ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT - AUGUST 24, 1980

The last meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association for the 1980 season was held at Frank Brewster's cottage on Sunday, August 24.

Attending were: John Alliegro, president, Ed Blair, Wally Colcord, Joe Duran, Art Gilbert, Elvia Hetu, secretary, and Jim Parrish. Frank Brewster arrived at the close of the meeting.

President John Alliegro called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The secretary's report was read and accepted. In the absence of Frank Brewster, Mr. Alliegro read the treasurer's report, stating a balance on hand of \$1,121.90 (\$1,120.63 of which representing a New Hampshire Savings Bank certificate and interest). The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Art Gilbert reported on the third annual shalom water ski contest and canoe race held on Sunday, August 17. A total of 30 participated in the shalom ski race which was divided into four groups: junior girls, 14 and under; senior girls and women, over 14; junior boys, 14 and under; and senior boys and men, over 14 years of age. Trophies were awarded to the first place winners and ribbons were given to the second and third place winners. There were 10 canoes participating in the canoe race which was also divided into contestants over and under 14 years of age.

President Alliegro commended Art Gilbert and his committee on the excellent job they had done in preparing and conducting the ski and canoe contests. Jim Parrish announced that those taking part in the running of the ski contest would be meeting

Saturday, August 30, and that at that time he would see that the committee for the 1981 race would be determined so that funds for the contest could be voted by the Association at the July 1981 meeting.

President Alliegro said that the Association was still trying to bring the directory of its members up to date, but that the area representatives had been very slow in returning the corrected lists of addresses and telephone numbers of the residents in their areas.

It was decided that the boat parade would be held on Sunday, August 31, starting at 8 p.m. Boat drivers may obtain flares from chairman Tom Bennett at his cottage at the entrance to the cove at the start of the race, or area representatives may collect two flares each for the boats in their areas from Mr. Bennett earlier in the day and distribute them to those taking part.

Mr. Alliegro reported that the Town of Alton had supplied only a cardboard sign to prohibit swimming at the public beach and that he had reenforced the sign with plywood and covered it with polyethylene before posting it. Now that the sign is posted the police will enforce it whenever called.

Mr. Alliegro also stated that the Water Resources Division had not yet tested the lake water, but that he had contacted Mr. Golden, health officer, and had been reassured that the testing will be done soon.

In reporting on the proposal to lower the lake 8 inches in October, Mr. Alliegro stated that the returns to date totaled 45 in favor and three opposed. He said that many area representatives had not reported yet. Jim Parrish made

a motion, seconded by Joe Duran, that the final tally be delayed until Labor Day to enable the Association to obtain a larger response from the area representatives. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Alliegro spoke of the poor attendance at this meeting and of the poor response from area representatives on the question of lowering the lake and in obtaining the up-to-date addresses and telephone numbers of the members of the Association in their areas. He stated that he hoped for better cooperation next year. Mr. Alliegro urged all area representatives to obtain alternates to attend meetings and perform services whenever they were unable to.

Jim Parrish made a motion, seconded by Ed Blair, that the fall newsletter be mailed to all members. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Parrish agreed to help bring the mailing list up to date and, working with Elvie Hetu, see to the printing and mailing of the newsletter, when the lists are ready this fall.

A lengthy discussion followed on the matter of the financial operations of the Association, the collecting of dues and paying of current expenses, and the work of the area representatives.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. following a motion to adjourn by Wally Colcord, seconded by Ed Blair. The next meeting will be July 13, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elvie Hetu, Secretary