

John - If you find any errors or parts which could be left out, just let me know so I can have a finished copy for the August meeting,

ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT - JULY 13, 1980

Elvia

The first meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association for the 1980 season was held at Frank Brewster's cottage on Sunday, July 13.

Present were: John Alliegro, president; Tom Bennett, vice president; Frank Brewster, treasurer; Wally Colcord, Floyd Darby, Joseph Duran, Joe Finegan, Arthur Gilbert, Dick Gilchrist, Martha Headley, Elvia Hetu, secretary; John Marmaras, Eric Morton, and Bob O'Meara.

President John Alliegro called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The secretary's report was read and accepted with one correction in the spelling of Mr. Alliegro's name.

The treasurer's report was given, reporting a balance on hand of \$1,177.28, with funds of \$183 committed but not yet paid. This report was accepted as read.

Reports from the various committees followed.

Tom Bennett reported that the boat parade had gone smoothly on September 2, 1979. Eric Morton stated that a warden would come to assist with the boat parade if the Association wanted him to. Frank Brewster proposed that the Association Newsletter ask all members to conduct themselves in an orderly fashion during the boat parade. Dick Gilchrist recommended that the Newsletter specify the exact starting time of the parade and the distance to be maintained between boats.

Art Gilbert reported on the Ski and Canoe Races held August 24, 1979, and spoke of the demanding job it was for Jim Parrish who drove his boat to pull all of the skiers and of how late the race ran. Eric Morton suggested that the ski races be run over a period of two days -- one day for juniors and one for seniors. Dick Gilchrist recommended that the races be held on Saturday rather than Sunday. Eric Morton also suggested a back-up boat be used and offered to use his.

Following the discussion it was decided that the ski races would be held on Saturday, August 16, starting at 10 a.m. with a break from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and with a raindate of August 23. It was decided that the Association would sponsor the races and absorb the cost and that there would be no entry fee for participants.

A motion was made by Dick Gilchrist and seconded by Eric Morten to appropriate \$100 to cover the cost of the ski races, gas, trophies, etc. The motion was carried unanimously.

Reporting on the paving of the boat ramp in the cove, Frank Brewster stated that for a total of \$250 an excellent paving job had been done last fall and that John Alliegro, Harry Berry, Frank Brewster and George Geer had advanced a total of \$108 to pay for it. A motion was made by John Marmaras and seconded by Joseph Duran that this money be refunded to these members. The motion was carried unanimously.

Frank Brewster announced that the \$75 set aside for a donation to the Boys Camp firework display had not been paid out and that the Boys Camp had discontinued its fireworks.

John Alliegro and Frank Brewster reported on the condition of the spring. The State has agreed to dig a trough with a back hoe (when it is doing other such work in the area) to funnel the water from the road away from the spring area. Permission for this work has been obtained from the owner of the land, Muriel Stinson.

John Alliegro reported that the State has promised to test our lake water in the near future. He also stated that the next Newsletter would request that members do not fertilize lawns near the lake water and that only detergents without phosphates be used.

Under new business, Tom Bennett agreed to be chairman of the boat parade again this year. He will report at the August meeting on the cost of the flares and other details of the parade.

President Alliegro again urged the area representatives to complete and turn in their lists of home addresses and telephone numbers of the members in their areas so that copies of these can be given to the local police and fire departments.

John Marmaras announced that Wally Colcord would replace him as area representative and Floyd Darby announced that he would be replacing Harry Berry. Art Gilbert announced that Barbara Mahn was now treasurer of the Barnstead Shores Half Moon

Lake Association replacing Ed Blair.

Tom Bennett brought up the fact that there are now several divers using scuba diving equipment in Half Moon Lake and that the law states boats must stay 75 feet away from the flag-type buoys these divers would display.

President Alliegro announced that the selectmen of the Town of Alton had promised to replace the sign prohibiting swimming at the Public Beach and that Frank Brewster would be responsible for removing this sign every October and replacing it each May to insure its prompt and proper posting.

Martha Headley requested that arrangements be made to lower the lake this fall to allow the removal of reed and pond lily growth by the use of a tractor. Following a lengthy discussion it was decided that Mrs. Headley should prepare 12 copies of a letter (one for each area representative) to be signed by all the property owners on the lake indicating their approval or disapproval of the lowering of the lake no more than eight inches between October 15 and October 29. If an owner did not approve he or she was to state in writing a valid reason. All letters are to be returned to the president by the August 24, 1980 meeting.

It was announced that the State made a ruling three years ago that any dock, raft, or other construction extending out into the lake over 10 feet must be reported to the Town which in turn would notify the State.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m. until the next meeting on August 24, 1980.

Respectfully submitted,
Elvis Hesu, Secretary