

ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT - JULY 12, 1981

The first meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association for the 1981 season was held at Frank Brewster's cottage on Sunday, July 12.

Attending were: John Alliegro, president, Lou Andrews, Andrea and Paul Bekkenhuis, Frank Brewster, treasurer, Joe Duran, Dorothy Gardner, Arthur Gilbert, Dick Gilchrist, Elvia Hetu, secretary, Barbara Mahn, treasurer of the Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association, and Eric Morton.

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m. by President John Alliegro. The secretary's report of the August 24, 1980 meeting was read and accepted. Copies of a notice to boaters safety rules were passed out and it was suggested they be posted inside members' cottages.

Art Gilbert reported that the date for the ski and canoe races was still tentative, however, a motion was made by Frank Brewster and seconded by Dorothy Gardner that the races be run as usual and that up to \$100.00 be spent on conducting the races, including trophies for the winners. The motion was passed unanimously. Barbara Mahn reported that new course setters were needed as those who had set it in the past years were now working and unable to give the time. Eric Morton suggested that the area representative inquire in their areas for teenage volunteers who could call Art Gilbert for their instructions.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Mr. Brewster reported a balance on hand of \$1,141.25 (\$1,086.36 of which was a certificate and interest in the New Hampshire Savings Bank).

Frank Brewster reported for Tom Bennett on the annual boat parade. Mr. Brewster made a motion, seconded by Lou Andrews, that \$80.00 be appropriated to buy flares for this year's parade. The motion was passed unanimously. Area representatives were asked to look for lower prices for flares and to contact Frank Brewster for money if they struck a bargain. (In 1980 the Association paid \$68.75 for 70 flares.)

Mr. Alliegro thanked Elvia and George Hetu for donating the reproduction of the Association's spring newsletter which had been distributed to members by their area representatives. He also thank Frank Brewster for posting the "no swimming" sign on the public beach and urged that nearby residents call the Alton Police when they spotted trespassers.

Eric Morton reported that the Association's directory of residents' names, home addresses, and phone numbers is on the computer and made a motion, seconded by Ed Blair, that up to \$120.00 be appropriated for printing 200 copies of the directory to be distributed to all currently paid-up members and ¹⁰ permanent residents on the lake, to the local police and fire departments, ambulance services, etc., and to be sold to anyone else at a price of \$2.00 a copy. The motion was passed unanimously. Lou Andrews offered to pay any additional cost if the directories came to more than the \$120.00 voted.

Mr. Alliegro reported that the Department of Water Pollution in Concord had not tested our water as requested last fall and asked Ed Blair to visit the Concord office and obtain the specific containers for water samples so that it could be tested. Mr. Blair agreed to do so before the next meeting.

Mr. Alliegro reported that it had been unnecessary to lower the lake as planned last October due to the drought which brought the water down to below the dam level.

Ed Blair requested that some police notice be taken of the parking on the road near the boat ramp in the cove. Twice in the past week, he said, cars with trailers had parked so as to obstruct traffic. It was decided that abutting residents should notify the police whenever necessary.

Frank Brewster reported that he had approached the Town of Barnstead about finishing the paving of the boat ramp since most of what is left to be done is on town land. He said he was hopeful it would be done.

Dick Gilchrist suggested a newsletter be sent to members urging that they refrain from using fertilizer on their lawns and non-biodegradable soaps which are causing the excess growth of algae in the lake. It was decided to wait until Ed Blair had an opportunity to talk to the Water Pollution people in Concord.

Under new business, Mr. Alliegro reported that the state had been late in putting up the buoys on the lake this year and asked the area representative to adjust those not properly placed.

Frank Brewster proposed withdrawing the \$1,000 the Association has in a certificate/in the New Hampshire Savings Bank and investing it in an AARP Money Market Certificate which would pay 14 - 16% paying 7% interest. A lengthy discussion followed since an AARP certificate would have to be purchased in Frank Brewster's name rather than that of the Association and would be uninsured. Ed Blair proposed that if any new investment be made it be made in the name of the Association. It was decided that Frank Brewster look into high interest paying

funds, perhaps through a broker, and report to the Association.

Mr. Alliegro reported on his contact with the Tri-State Gas Company which would give a reduced rate if several members signed up together. Any one interested should contact Mr. Alliegro.

Mr. Alliegro reported on his investigation into the method of taxation by the Town of Barnstead, since the Town had been charging him for more square feet of land than he owned. He stated that the Town had four sets of tax books dividing the residents into those on water and those not, those who were year-round residents and those who were only summer residents and taxing ^{summer residents with} ~~each at a~~ *Comperatively higher assessments.* different rate. He stated that he had complained to the Town about these differences.

Ed Blair asked if Mr. Alliegro had written his complaint in the name of the Association and Mr. Alliegro stated that he had. Mr. Blair asked if any discussion had taken place at any previous meeting about taxes or tax structure and if Mr. Alliegro had been asked to write in the Association's behalf.

Following a motion by Eric Morton, seconded by Dorothy Gardner, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m., the next meeting to be held on August 23 at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvia Hetu, Secretary