

ALTON-BARNSTEAD
HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT
AUGUST 24, 1986

The August 24, 1986 meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association, held at Frank Brewster's cottage, was attended by: John Alliegro, Paul Bekkenhuis, Frank Brewster, Chris Faus, Art Gilbert, Dave Goland, Elvia Hetu, Larry Holt, David Parish, Bob Peznola, and Don Sheldon. President Arthur Gilbert called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The Secretary's report of the July 13, 1986 meeting was read and accepted with one correction.

The Treasurer's report, showing a balance on hand as of August 24, 1986 of \$2,267.55, was read and accepted.

President Arthur Gilbert described the plans to keep all members informed about association activities by frequent newsletters, mailed to their permanent addresses, and requested that any changes of address or names missing from the Association mailing list be given to Secretary Elvia Hetu as soon as possible.

Mr. Gilbert stated that in regard for boating safety a plaque had been placed by the boat ramp next to Hernden's house, noting the counter-clockwise direction for boat travel, etc. He also agreed to place one at the Public Beach area.

Larry Holt, who was in charge of the Boat Parade, described the plans for this event, stating that flares would be obtained at Frank Brewster's camp at 7:30 p.m. and that the parade would begin at 8:00 p.m., led by Mr. Dugan's float boat. It was noted that 23 boats were in the 1985 parade and it was hoped that as many or more would participate in this year's.

John Alliegro stated that he had the "No Swimming" signs for the Public Beach area and would give them to Chris Faus, who lives in that area, to post each spring and take down each Labor Day.

Mr. Gilbert reported that Mrs. Ann Parmenter's check into the tests made of the water from the public spring had disclosed far more serious contamination than had previously been suspected. Mr. Gilbert stated that there was no pump at the site and it appeared that no one was using the water. It was decided not to take on the expensive task of making the water fit to drink, but at John Alliegro's suggestion that a sign be posted at this site stating that the water was polluted, Art Gilbert agreed to post one during the next week. David Parish asked about the danger of this pollution seeping into the lake, and it was the consensus of opinion that it wasn't serious.

John Alliegro read excerpts from the minutes of the court hearing on the attempt to prohibit the use of Kent Locke's field as an airstrip. The minutes stated that the Town of Barnstead had not brought sufficient evidence and the court found in favor of Mr. Locke. In view of the cost of bringing the Town of Barnstead to court for not

enforcing its ordonance against the airfield, the Association decided to not persue the matter at this time.

When Frank Brewster reported that Camp MiNeTa only tested the water in Half Moon Lake every three years, Larry Holt recommended that the Association should have the water tested annually. It was voted to do so and Art Gilbert agreed to have the water from three places on the lake tested in June of 1987 so that the results could be discussed at the July 1987 meeting of the Association.

Larry Holt reported that his area was handling the beaver dam situation.

Under new business, Art Gilbert asked if anyone was interested in establishing skiing, canoeing, or sailing competitions during the 1987 season, but there was no interest among those present.

It was agreed that it would be advantageous to have the lake stocked with fish at this time and Larry Holt agreed to check with the State to see if it could be done next spring.

Paul Bekkenhuis stated that at least seven buoys or markers are needed to properly mark Half Moon Lake - one at Hyde's, two at McConnell's, one at Varney Shores, one at the Point, two across Hollywood Beach or Fern Hill. He agreed to handle obtaining markers through the State Department of Safety and putting them out next spring with the help of David Parish.

On a motion by Larry Holt, seconded by Elvia Hetu, it was unanimously voted to open the Association meetings at 11:00 a.m. instead of at 10:00 a.m. starting with the July 1987 meeting.

Art Gilbert explained that he is in the process of updating the map of Half Moon lake which shows the location of each member's propoerty. He asked each representative present to obtain the names of all the property owners in his area and promised to visit each representative in the coming week to obtain the information he had acquired.

Art Gilbert stated that as president of the Association he was frequently asked if there were properties for sale on the lake. He asked if anyone knew of any and only a few were mentioned. Paul Bekkenhuis described the recent purchase of the O'Toole property by a Richard Holmes, and a discussion followed on what the Association could do if new owners chose to make large developments out of their Half Moon Lake properties.

Upon a motion by John Alliegro, seconded by Larry Holt, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvia Hetu, Secretary