

ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT - AUGUST 20, 1989

The August 20, 1989 meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association, held at Holt's Cottage, Rustic Shores, was called to order by President Larry Holt at 10:15 a.m.

The President welcomed all and introduced the officers of the Association to those present. On a motion by Larry Holt, seconded by George Hetu, the reading of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were omitted by unanimous vote.

Larry Holt described the on-going program of water testing Half Moon Lake, and then introduced Jody Connor, Director of the Lay Monitoring Program of the Biology Bureau of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

Mr. Connor told about the work of the Department in surveying the 800 lakes and ponds in New Hampshire (600 of which had been completed since 1985), and gave a detailed description of what is looked for in water testing to determine the quality of a lake -- phosphorus, chlorophyll, transparency, algae, temperature, and lack of oxygen on the bottom.

Mr. Connor then gave the readings of the water testing done on Half Moon Lake in July 1978 and July 1989. He explained that where New Hampshire's lakes' average or mean is 10, the phosphorus level of Half Moon Lake was 1 in 1978 and is 8 in 1989; where the chlorophyll mean is 6, in 1978 Half Moon Lake's reading was 3.6 and is 8.0 in 1989; and where the transparency mean is 4.2, Half Moon Lake's reading was 4.9 in 1978 and is 4.0 in 1989. Mr. Connor reported no blue-green algae which is toxic and no high concentration of algae. He also explained how acid rain is hurting lakes more and more.

Mr. Connor stated that in 1978 Half Moon Lake had been one of the better lakes in the state in water purity, and that it would soon have another State survey so that it could be classified as to its current status. Mr. Connor listed the things property owners can do to preserve the purity of the lake's water, such as, having septic systems pumped at least every two years; not using any fertilizer on lawns; not bathing in the lake with soap or shampoo; not urinating or defecating in the lake; not feeding ducks; not burning pine cones, etc. near the water; not using large motors in shallow areas; and not putting sand or fill into the lake.

Mr. Connor answered questions from members, particularly about what can be done about watershed areas. The members thanked him for his time and helpful information.

Larry Holt stated that the water testing being done would cost \$200.00 a year, and that anyone willing to help with it would be welcome to join the testers on Friday, September 1, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. He explained that the more residents who knew how it was done, the easier it would be to continue the program in future years.

Larry Holt noted two items from the July 9 meeting; one, that the dues had been raised from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per property owner as of 1990, and two, that the Boat Parade would be held Saturday, September 2 (raindate September 3).

George Hetu stated that he had described the problem of the vehicle and trailer parking at the Boat Ramp at Herndon's on North Barnstead Road to the Chief of Police of Barnstead who had received authorization from the Selectmen to post "no parking" signs there, and would soon have them posted.

Mrs. Paul Bekkenhuis announced that she had Half Moon Lake T-shirts for sale after the meeting.

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Conrad Bretton cautioned members to stop contractors they found throwing anything into the lake.

John Ghilicki requested that the information covered at this meeting be included in the Association's next newsletter, and Mr. Holt assured him it would be.

Larry Holt referred to the New Hampshire rules for ski craft, which include jet skis, and to the law which gives residents the right to file a petition to have a hearing to ban such craft from their lake. He stated that at the July 9, 1989 meeting a motion was passed to present such a petition. He explained that many members felt that if the surrounding lakes banned jet skis, Half Moon Lake would be overrun with them if they were not banned here also. Mr. Holt stated that the petition to be made must state whether a total or partial ban was wanted.

Several persons spoke giving suggestions and opinions.

On a motion by Conrad Bretton, seconded by George Hetu, a majority of the members agreed to vote on whether a partial or a total ban of jet skis on Half Moon Lake would be petitioned for. A question was raised as to how many of those present could vote and it was determined that one owner from each residence should vote. Mrs. Richard Dame produced a letter from Mildred Varney authorizing Richard Dame to vote on her behalf.

A motion by Conrad Bretton, seconded by George Hetu, to petition for a partial ban was defeated.

A motion by Al Evans, seconded by Ed Blair, to petition for a full ban of jet skis on Half Moon Lake was carried.

The petition required ten signatures of property owners and ten members signed following the meeting.

Larry Holt assured those present that everyone would be notified of the date of the hearing on the petition, and of the final outcome. With another reminder of the Boat Parade on September 2, the meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvia Hetu

Alton Barnstead May Board of the Assn

Statement of Condition received Jan 15, Aug 19, 1889

Balance on hand 12/31/88

Income

Dues	230
Dividends - Putnam Daily Div Co	139 32
Interest - 7 1/4 Savings Bank	<u>13 87</u>
	283.19
	<u>2897.28</u>

Disbursements

Elmer Water, Postage & Printing	38.75
Spec. Fair Festival - State of N.H. - Ins. Co. Ins. Co.	6.75
Leam. Hotel	<u>6.00</u>
Total disbursements	<u>162.75</u>

Balance on hand 8/19/89

2734.53

Coal on hand

Putnam Daily Div Co

7 1/4 Savings Bank

Total coal on hand 8/19/89

2460.17

274.36

2734.53