

ALTON - BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION - SECRETARY'S REPORT

AUGUST 19, 1990

The August 19, 1990 meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association was called to order at Holt's Cottage, Rustic Shores, by President Larry Holt at 11:05 a.m.

The Secretary's Report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report, stating a balance of \$2865.18 as of August 18, 1990, was accepted.

George Fitzpatrick reported on the results of the June 10, 1990 water testing of the lake. He reported that the tests had shown two trouble spots as far as phosphorus was concerned -- the inlet where the lake comes close to Route 28 and Duggan's inlet at Rustic Shores. He stated that the State will be sending a letter to the Alton Road Agent instructing him to not push any more sand or salt from the Road into the lake, and urging him to apply for a dredging permit to remove the sand building up at Duggan's inlet. The State will also contact the farm on Mt. Prospect Hill to have them remove their manure pile and anything else which might seep down into the lake. Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that another test showed bacteria in the water particularly at Dalton Beach and that the Association would write to Locke Lake Colony to ask them to insist that their swimmers at Dalton Beach use the portable toilets provided for them.

The overall results of the June tests showed the water to be very good with only minor problems in the spots mentioned. It was agreed that the next newsletter to members should include the list of "don'ts" (such as feed ducks and shampoo in the lake) to protect the quality of the lake water. The newsletter will also include the results of the water testing done August 16.

Larry Holt agreed to post a sign, with Kent Locke's permission, stating that the Ramp at Hernden's was a private ramp for the use of Half Moon Lake and Locke Lake residents only and that the public ramp was on Route 28.

Mr. Holt stated that he would contact the environmental officers concerning lowering of the lake to ask their opinion. Members present were concerned about cleaning their beaches and protecting their seawalls from ice, and many others wished that the lake be not tampered with. Mr. Holt agreed to get more information.

Larry Holt read from the June newsletter of the New Hampshire Lakes Legislative Coalition which stated that owners of jet skis might petition to have a ban removed from their lake within one year of the setting of the ban but that after that time the ban would be final. Mr. Holt stated that if the jet-ski owners prepared and signed a petition he would help them submit it as an impartial officer of the Association. Many of those present stated their objection to the waverunner boat, similar to a jet ski, which had been on the lake for the previous two weeks. The Marine Patrol office will have to synchronize their interpretations of the law in order to ban this boat.

In answer to Hank Mahn's query about a buoy at Hyde's cottage, Larry Holt stated that he had learned that in order to have additional buoys placed, the Association must petition Kevin Monahan at 10 Hazen Drive, Concord, and that a

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petition would be available for ten or more signatures following this meeting. Help in placing the needed markers on a map of the lake was requested.

The Boat Parade was announced for Saturday, September 1, with a raindate of Sunday, September 2. Flares will be available at Frank Brewster's cottage at 7:30 p.m. and the Parade will begin between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. Drivers were asked to make as little wake as possible when leaving the Parade.

The need for Area Representatives to collect dues and pass out information was stressed again. The need to ask Fernhill to follow lake rules was also discussed.

The telephone number of the Glendale Marine Patrol was given in case of accident, problem, or complaint. It is 1-293-2037.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elvia Hetu, Secretary

After the meeting, Frank Brewster suggested listing the names of the members who had not yet paid this year's dues in the newsletter--just as a reminder--. That might get results.