

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

AUGUST 23, 1992

The August 23, 1992 meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association was called to order by President Larry Holt at 11:12 a.m. at his cottage at Rustic Shores, with 13 members present.

The Secretary's Report of the July meeting was read and accepted.

In the absence of Treasurer Frank Brewster, President Larry Holt read the Treasurer's Report which gave a balance of \$3,512.11 as of August 19, 1992. Mr. Holt spoke of the difficulty in collecting dues, particularly due to the lack of Area Representatives. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Vice-President George Fitzpatrick reported on the water testing done in the lake this year stating that there was little change from the last testing. He stated that in the Duggan's Cove area the coliform reading had increased from 30 to 92, but that the results of the August 21, 1992 tests had not yet been received. He said that up stream the water is very clear but that as you come down to the lake it increases in cloudiness and tests higher for fecal coliform. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the Association would continue testing until it could pinpoint the cause so that it could be corrected. He said that the Boy's Camp was being looked at as a possible cause.

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that the swimming areas were excellent, that the phosphorus problems had not increased due to the care taken by residents, and that the water tested safe for drinking. Larry Holt described an incident on another lake where fifteen or more bathers were taken very ill. He stated that the State tested the water and found the bacteria which had gotten into the lake and caused the problem. There is now a test being made of every lake by the State to be certain the problem does not exist elsewhere. Mr. Holt estimated that the testing would reach Half Moon Lake in five years, but assured the members that the tests being taken by the Association would catch any such bacteria before it became dangerous. The members all agreed that the \$250.00 a year spent on testing was well worth it.

Frank Courtney reported on the property formerly the Girls' Camp. He stated that the 24 acres had been purchased for \$135,000.00 and would be sold in only five lots which could not be subdivided at about \$100,000.00 a lot.

Larry Holt reported that he had called the Barnstead Police Department and spoken to a Sgt. Conway who agreed to look into the hazardous parking of trucks and trailers near Hernden's cottage and the boat ramp, but that he had not heard from the police since and the parking remains the same.

Mr. Holt also reported that he had contacted the Marine Patrol concerning the placing of markers, moored boats, etc. but also had not heard from them. He asked the members to not hesitate to speak to the Marine Patrol officers if they should come to the lake when he was not there. The boat moored too far out at Dalton Beach had been moved closer to shore, Mr. Holt reported, probably because someone reached the owner and convinced him to move it.

Chris Faus asked about the condition of the ramp at Hernden's cottage. Larry Holt reported that he and George Fitzpatrick had filled in two loads of crushed stone but that the Association did not wish to have better repair work done since a better ramp would lead to more transient traffic on the lake. The Association would like

to buy the ramp from Kent Locke but he is unwilling to sell. The State is now insisting that every lake has a easy access for the public to the lake and may buy and refurbish the ramp in the future.

It was announced that the Boat Parade would be held on Saturday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m. with a raindate of Sunday, September 6. Larry Holt urged all members to keep their speed and wake down when leaving the procession for the safety of the many children riding in the boats in the parade.

An election of officers was held. Larry Holt agreed to serve for another two-year term. On a motion by Kevin Drum, seconded by Dean Finethy, the members voted to elect Gordon Headley Treasurer. On a motion by Gordon Headley, seconded by Chris Faus, the members voted to elect Kevin Drum Vice-President. Elvia Hetu agreed to serve as Secretary for another term.

Larry Holt described his plan to distribute the map of the lake to each resident on the lake and to urge them to take an active part in our Association. He also stated that Area Representatives were needed, part of their job being to aid in the collection of dues.

Ann Valle asked about building a new dock to replace an old one and was assured this was permissible.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elvia Hetu, Secretary