

ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT - JULY 25, 1993

The July 25, 1993 meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association held at Fern Hill was called to order at 11:09 a.m. by Vice-President Kevin Drum. There were 23 members present.

The Secretary's Report of the August 23, 1992 meeting was read and accepted.

Michael Atskin asked about the boat moored off Locke Lake Colony Beach, whose owner the Association had approached about removing it last year. It was determined that Half Moon Lake was not large enough to come under the State Law requiring permits for moorings. Mr. Atskin stated that Locke Lake Colony residents had received a notice a couple of years ago informing them that no boats could be moored or kept at that beach, but if this boat in question was allowed to moor there other residents would also start to moor their boats there also.

It was decided that Gordon Headley would obtain a copy of the notice sent to Locke Lake Colony residents and that President Larry Holt would be asked to handle the matter as he had done the previous year.

As many members had expressed concern over the low level of the lake water this year Kevin Drum stated that he and Larry Faus had personally checked the dam and found it to be perfectly in place even though the water level was below the top of the dam. Frank Brewster reminded everyone that there had been no rain for three weeks a very probable cause for the low water level.

Concern was expressed over the fact that Kent Locke was drawing water from the lake to water his strawberries and blueberries. As there is no law against taking anything out of the lake it was thought that nothing could be done, but George Fitzpatrick and Ed Blair described the nuisance factor of the noise of the pump running all night long and the fact that Mr. Locke had dredged into the lake to set his pipe. Ed Blair agreed to contact the State of New Hampshire and find out if the Association had any legal right to deter him on these counts.

Considerable concern was raised about trucks and trailers parking on both sides of North Barnstead Road near the ramp at Hernden's cottage providing access to the lake. Frank Courtney stated that 14 trailers had been seen there at one time. Kevin Drum stated that he had stopped a police officer there when several trailers were parked and had been reprimanded for blocking traffic by stopping but that the officer did nothing about the trailers parked along the sides of the road. Mr. Drum reported that he called the Barnstead Police who agreed to obtain permission from the Selectmen to post "No Parking" signs. This was done but the signs are just put to protect only the culvert from parking and trailer owners have removed the signs so that they can park there. It was determined that members should call the police whenever they observed this happening or when the parking posed a problem for traffic, and that the officers of the Association approach the Selectmen to see if the area could be made a tow-away zone and if signs to this effect could be posted.

The Treasurer's Report stating a balance in the Putnam Account and the Savings Account totaling \$3,511.78 was read and Treasurer Gordon Headley announced that he would be happy to collect any dues.

On a motion by Michael Atskin, seconded by Ed Blair, the members voted unanimously that the Association should join the New Hampshire Lakes Association representing all the lakes in the State, the Associate Member Fee being \$100.00. Gordon Headley agreed to contact the organization and to fill out the necessary forms for our membership.

George Fitzpatrick described the water testing on the lake done earlier in the year. He stated he was waiting for an explanation of the results. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the inlets and outlets to the lake had no water due to the dry weather and that Fern Hill's inlet was the biggest supplier at that time. He also stated that from the testing the horse farm and the Boys' Camp had been eliminated as suspects for the poor readings obtained at Dugan's Cove and that he would keep trying to pinpoint the cause.

Michael Atskin expressed his concern over the fuel tanks left in the ground after the closing of the Half Moon Store. He described a problem Northwood Lake had had after the closing of a variety store had left storage tanks to rust and allow leakage into the ground and eventually into the lake. Richard Headley stated that all new tanks had been placed at the Half Moon Store just six years ago with State permits. Mr. Atskin who had seen even new tanks with leaks agreed to contact the State and determine New Hampshire's laws about abandoned tanks and report back to the Association.

Members of the South Shore Drive Association provided copies of the Safe Boating Rules of the State of New Hampshire, the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association's Safety Rules, and the By-Laws of the South Shore Drive Association which were distributed to those present.

Several members urged that the Association adopt a policy concerning boating on Half Moon Lake at the August meeting.

Michael Jetty (?) from Camp Mi Te Na urged members to contact him at any time with an question, problem, or concern about the Camp and expressed his delight that the cause of the poor water quality reading near Dugan's Cove had been determined as not caused by the Boys' Camp.

A lengthy discussion about water skiing followed and it was the consensus of the members present that practically all problems arise from visiting boats on the lake. Members renting their cottages were urged to inform their tenants of the counter-clockwise direction used in circling the lake. Many members urged working on obtaining control of the ramp so that there would not be so many transient boats.

Donna Holt announced that the next meeting of the Association would be at President Larry Holt's Cottage at Rustic Shores on August 22 at 11:00 a.m.

It was determined that the Boat Parade would be held Labor Day weekend Saturday, September 4.

On a motion by Gordon Headley, seconded by Dave Parish, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvia Hetu, Secretary