

Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association Secretary's Report

July 10, 1994

The July 10, 1994 regular meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association was called to order by President Lawrence Holt at his cottage at Rustic Shores at 11:00 a.m. Approximately 25 members were present.

The Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were omitted.

Under Old Business Michael Akstin reported on the underground fuel tanks left after the closing of the Half Moon Store which he had agreed to look into at the July 1993 meeting. He stated that the State had informed him that Mr. Bianco, the registered owner, had been notified that he would have to have the tanks tested, or removed, that this case was on file with the State and that it was acting on it. Kevin Drum stated that he had talked to a man he had found working on the property at the store who claimed to be the new owner with plans to start the store up again. President Larry Holt urged members to invite the new owner to our August meeting where he could describe his new operation.

Members reported that the marker at the point had become loose and Larry Holt agreed to contact the Marine Patrol as soon as this meeting was adjourned so that they would come and position it correctly.

George Fitzpatrick reported that signs had been posted at the ramp stating that the ramp was for the use of Half Moon and Locke Lake residents and that the Public Ramp was at the Alton-Barnstead line. He said that the Town of Barnstead had placed "No Parking" signs along the road but in the wrong place and that he would contact the Road Agent to have them replaced where they would do more good.

The Members discussed articles in Boston and other newspapers. Of particular concern was one interviewing Carl Woughter of Barnstead who had described the excellent fishing in Half Moon Lake. Members reported that the next weekend after this article appeared in the Globe, 18 boats were counted visiting the lake and parking their trailers on North Barnstead Road.

Larry Holt summed up the Jet Ski Ban on Weekends at Half Moon Lake and the controversy over Jet Ski use during the summer of 1989. He reported that the State had held its hearing on December 5, 1989 and ruled that Jet Skis would be banned on weekends as a result of the testimony given. Mr. Holt stated that one member, dissatisfied with the ruling, had left the Half Moon Lake Association even though the officers had remained neutral and presented the opinion of the majority. Mr. Holt stated that he felt bad about this, but that the ban was working well and that the lake would be swamped with jet skiers if a ban had not been established as it had been on all the surrounding lakes.

Camp Mi Te Na's representative reported that the Marine Patrol had been reported as having told someone that the ban was on all the time, not only weekends. Mr. Holt announced that the Association would back any resident stopped for using jet skis on weekdays.

Camp Mi Te Na reported that it will be filled for the summer and that it has added sailboats. Richard Headley of Fern Hill also reported a good year.

Jeffrey Byer asked if any Mill Foil had been discovered in Half Moon Lake as some had been reported at Suncook Lake.

Under New Business Mr. Holt reported that George Fitzpatrick and William Dugan

had run water tests on the lake on June 15th of this year and that the preliminary report which had been received showed everything at a good level. The Members discussed incidents of large gatherings, overnight tents, etc., but learned that all had been checked out and found acceptable as far as washing and toilet facilities.

Members remarked on the low level of the lake water this season, and George Fitzpatrick and Larry Holt reported that they had checked the dam and that all was o.k. Mr. Holt stated that Locke Lake's being drained and treated with pesticides would have no effect on Half Moon Lake because of the high position of our dam.

John Chilicki asked if the extra large quantity of clams in the lake this year was an indication of anything to do with the condition of the lake. George Fitzpatrick agreed to ask the State about this. He stated that there was no danger from Zebra Mussels in the lake and that the specimens believed to be Zebra Mussels had been found to be something else.

Chris Faus asked about the condition of the ramp at the cove. President Larry Holt asked if the members wished to make a motion to have maintenance work done on the ramp. A lengthy discussion followed, and it was decided to discuss it further and perhaps come to a decision at the August meeting. Several suggestions, such as approaching Kent Locke again about the Association's purchasing the ramp land and placing a trash barrel at the ramp to save the Herndons, were made and decided against.

Maureen Fitzpatrick stated that she had a raft with a slide on it she wished to part with if anyone was interested.

New Member Steve Curtin was introduced.

Larry Holt announced that Treasurer Gordon Headley was present and would be glad to collect dues.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvia Hetu, Secretary