

ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT
AUGUST 17, 1997

The August 17, 1997 meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association was called to order by President Carl Johnson at 11:10 a.m. in the Main Hall of Camp Mi Te Na. There were 25 members present.

CLEAR
OLD
BUSINESS

Mr. Johnson thanked the staff of Camp Mi Te Na for its hospitality, introduced the Officers present, and called for the reading of the Secretary's Report of the July 6, 1997 meeting.

At the conclusion, the Secretary noted that in these Minutes the members had been urged to attend a Special Barnstead School District Meeting on August 19 but that the Judge's decision to allow the Special Meeting had been reversed and that there would be no meeting. Mr. Johnson urged that members keep abreast of local politics that would affect the tax rates and stated that Alton was considering a new high school.

ALTON HIGH SCHOOL

ALTON H.S. DIFFERENT SITES DURING YEAR ? AT THIS TIME

In the absence of the Treasurer his report was omitted. Carl Johnson explained that the Association's funds were used for continuances on the Lake such as the dam, the ramp, water testing, legal fees, etc.

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Under Old Business Mr. Johnson mentioned the information on Milfoil and other aquatic nuisances the members had received with their meeting notices. He urged that whenever a boat was taken to another lake that the owner be sure to clean it before putting it back into Half Moon Lake.

REMINDER TO CLEAN BOATS

George Fitzpatrick reported that the final test of the season had not been taken as yet but that the results of the previous test showed the lake water in excellent condition.

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Mr. Johnson reported that the Marine Patrol had visited the lake and had come quickly in response to complaints about watercraft resembling jet skis. He explained that as they have two dozen other lakes to patrol they can not be here often. Mr. Johnson stated that our Patrol Officer is Brad Smith who can be reached 1-800-848-4415 or 293-2037. (good number)

(293) 293-2037 (good number)

Vice President Kevin Drum reported that he had obtained maps and tax property listings from Alton and Barnstead and that the updating of the map of the lake showing where each member's land is located is coming along.

Mr. Johnson urged members to contact new property owners in their areas so that the new comers will receive general information about the lake by having their names placed on the Association mailing list. He stated that Area Representatives were needed and urged those from sections where there is no

we have FORMS AT DESK

Area Representative to get together. Ed Blair urged the President to appoint people to be Area Representatives.

Nancy Geer displayed a small notice which could be posted in cottages for the benefit of guests or tenants which listed the two major rules of the lake -- All boats should travel in a counter-clockwise direction and swimmers should not swim any distance from the shore without a boat accompanying them.

Ann Bruhmuller described the difference between a Wave Runner and a Jet Ski and Joe Buckley reported that the Marine Patrol had investigated reports of a craft in his area and determined that it was the legal type. Auckland Geddes stated that the State is holding a meeting to determine if the three and four-seaters should be restricted like Jet Skis.

Under New Business the President reported that Gordon Headley could no longer serve as Treasurer as his new job would take him too far away. Mr. Johnson asked for the names of those who would like to serve as Treasurer and announced that voting for the office would take place at the July 1998 meeting.

Ann Bruhmuller stated that Half Moon Lake had not been stocked with fish since 1987 and agreed to inquire about the possibility of having the lake restocked when she visited Merry Meeting Hatchery the next day.

George Fitzpatrick described the State's Water Resources Board ruling concerning the height of the water level of Locke Lake as set in 1966. He stated that instead of three feet below the top of the concrete abutments to Locke Lake's Dam #14.20 the water is not less than two feet six inches at any of the four places measured. Mr. Fitzpatrick reminded the members that we do not want the chemicals with which Locke Lake is treated biennially flowing into Half Moon Lake.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the members of the Association have discussed this problem over the past four years, that the Conservation Officer has been spoken to and the Water Resources Board has been written to, but, as the Conservation Officer is the Locke Lake employee in charge of the water level, nothing has been done.

Ed Blair made a motion, seconded by George Fitzpatrick, that a lawyer be hired and that funds be appropriated to see that the 1966 ruling is enforced. It was suggested that a limit be made on the amount of money to be appropriated and Mr. Blair agreed to amend his motion to read "and that funds, not to exceed \$2,000.00, be appropriated."

Dean Williams agreed to make contacts and ascertain just what are the responsibilities of the State and why the Association's requests have not been taken care of. He stated that this would be wise to do before the Association contacted a lawyer. Ed

Blair suggested that if this doesn't work by December the Association should get a lawyer.

Mr. Blair's motion was left unresolved.

Barbara Mahn reported that boats are being put into the lake as early as 4:00 a.m. The members discussed at length the attempts to purchase the ramp from Kent Locke, the dangerous parking along North Barnstead Road by trucks with trailers whose boats have been put into the lake, and the inability of the Barnstead Police to enforce the restrictions because the "No Parking" signs posted by the Barnstead Selectmen have been stolen. Alma Herndon reported a hole and broken glass near the ramp.

Jeffrey Byer stated that in order to get action on the Association's problems of the ramp and the level of Locke Lake a committee with authority to act between Association Meetings should be formed. When asked, he agreed to serve on the committee and the President did also.

On a motion by David Briggs, seconded by Barbara Mahn, the members voted to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

Elvia Hetu, Secretary