

ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION
SECRETARY'S REPORT JULY 11, 1999

The July 11, 1999 meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association was called to order by President Larry Holt at Rustic Shores Beach at 11:10 a.m. Twenty-five members signed the attendance sheet.

Mr. Holt welcomed those present and introduced the officers.

The Secretary's Report was read, and accepted on a motion by George Hetu, seconded by Rev. Ralph Booth.

The Treasurer's Report, stating a balance of \$3,725.82, was accepted as presented on a motion by George Hetu, seconded by Michael Akstin. Concerning past dues, Treasurer Maureen Fitzpatrick stated that the Association was starting with a clean slate to collect 1999 dues.

President Larry Holt described the time and effort Maureen Fitzpatrick and Maureen Dugan put into correcting the membership list to include all property owners on the lake and pointed out that of the eight or more separate areas of the lake only two or three had area representatives and these were supplying 70% of the dues collected.

Secretary Elvia Hetu read off the 20 names which had been deleted from the revised mailing list because they did not appear on any Alton or Barnstead property lists. Only three names were recognized by those present and these had sold their property so that the new owners would have to be or had been contacted.

OLD BUSINESS

Re stocking of lake done

Stocking of the lake was discussed and members reported having seen Fish and Game representatives putting fish into the lake in April of this year.

Mr. Holt described the Water Testing work done two or three times a year by George Fitzpatrick, William Dugan, and Larry Holt in addition to the testing done by a State representative once each year. He stated that he hoped to have a representative from the State attend our next meeting to explain the readings from the tests. Mr. Holt extended an invitation to any member who wished to take part in the water testing to join them. He reported that the tests showed that the water in Half Moon Lake remained good with no major changes.

Mr. Holt spoke of the drowning in Half Moon Lake earlier that week of a Barnstead man who was not a resident of the lake and stressed the safety rules established by the Association, such as going in a counterclockwise direction and giving the right of way to Camp Mi Te Na boating activities.

The Fish and Game Department's survey of the lake was discussed and as another one is due, Mr. Holt agreed to contact the Department to see if one would be conducted this year.

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Call Fish and game Ed Blair

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Blair cited an article in the July 10, 1999 issue of the Union Leader concerning milfoil in Northwood Lake and urged the Association to be prepared should the problem arise here. He offered to contact Ken Warren, Water Pollution Biologist with the State Department of Environmental Services, to ask him to address our Association on the new development for controlling milfoil.

Kevin Husenfuss stated that he had seen chemical treatment for milfoil in Moultonboro and that it had been very expensive.

Conrad Breton urged members to rake away all weeds as soon as they appear, stating that those left in the water to seed spread very quickly.

* Patricia Mannion asked about the New Hampshire Lakes Association and what benefits we could obtain if our Association joined. Mr. Holt agreed to look into this although membership is \$250.00 a year. *check with association*

Conrad Breton described a red and white boat which anchors in the cove at Rustic Shores and its occupants swim from it. Members were urged to get the boat's registration and report it to the Marine Patrol if any problems are noted.

Mr. Holt spoke of the condition of the ramp next to Herndon's cottage and the congestion problems of the trucks and trailers which park there. He explained that the town had erected "No Parking" signs there but they had been stolen and the police cannot enforce no parking rules which are not posted.

* On a motion by Richard Brewster, seconded by Conrad Breton, the members voted to spend a maximum of \$200.00 to purchase two signs from New England Barricade in Newmarket to replace the "No Parking" signs which had been stolen, if the Barnstead Police agree to our doing so, and if our Association officers are not successful before the August meeting in buying the ramp from the Locke family. *check with Barnstead and Locke on ramp*

* The condition of the dam was discussed and, on a motion by George Fitzpatrick seconded by Conrad Breton, the members voted to spend the necessary funds to purchase four 2" tongue and groove boards 80" x 8" high to place two on each side of the cement forms and to replace the lock of the dam to prevent the water from running into Locke Lake faster than it should. *Fix boards in dam*

Lowering Half Moon Lake was discussed and it was explained that this can only be done by the State and that members of the Association have not been in favor of doing it in the past.

The presence of a large snapping turtle in Half Moon Lake was noted. *Ed Blair got it*

Frank Costigliola reported a large dock which had floated onto his property and which he wished to return to its owner as it was in his way. Ed Blair stated that it belonged to Mr. Costigliola's neighbor Edward Rousselle, and Mr. Costigliola said that he would see that it was returned.

It was decided that a card be sent to Frank Brewster, for many years Treasurer of the Half Moon Lake Association, who is in the Odd Fellows Home in Concord and who had recently broken his hip.

Caroline Booth asked how copies of the rules of the lake could be delivered to all the new owners and their guests on the lake. She stated that she had believed for years that no motorized boats should operate before 9:00 a.m. Mr. Holt referred to the New Hampshire Boater's Guide issued by the Department of Safety and found the rule to be sunrise to sunset for power boats, but he agreed that rules of the lake are frequently included in the meeting notices sent out by the Association whenever there is room.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Association is scheduled for Sunday, August 22, 1999 at Camp Mi Te Na at 11:00 a.m., with possibly a half-hour coffee and social opportunity starting at 10:30 a.m.

On a motion by George Hetu, seconded by Michael Akstin, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m. with an expression of appreciation to the officers by the Rev. Ralph Booth.

Elvia Hetu, Secretary