

ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2000

The August 19, 2000 annual meeting of the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association was called to order by President Larry Holt on the beach adjacent to his cottage at Rustic Shores at 10:05 a.m. Thirty-one members were present.

In the absence of the Treasurer, President Holt read the Treasurer's Report which stated a balance of \$3,910.86. On a motion by William Dugan, seconded by Michael Fedorchak, the members voted to approve the report.

The Secretary's Report was read and accepted on a motion by Joseph Arigo, seconded by William Dugan.

Under Old Business Mrs. Fedorchak reported having pulled two exotic weeds from the lake (between her cottage and Byer's on South Shore Drive and in the swamp area which goes up to Route 28) and had them identified by the Marine Patrol Officer two days later as milfoil. Mrs. Fedorchak stated she had not seen any more since.

President Holt reported that when he had been collecting water samples with the State Representative she had found the temperature and oxygen levels in the lake to be excellent.

Pat Mannion asked if the Association had a Weed Patrol Group, and Mr. Holt answered that there was no appointed group but that as all our members are informed and aware we hope to catch and pull most exotic weeds before they spread.

Dr. Jeffrey Byer asked if there was information on when to treat a lake for a dangerous weed, who pays, how the bill is funded, and what one had to do. The members referred to the article in the Laconia Citizen recently on Jody Connor the Department of Environmental Services who had addressed the Association's meeting on July 8 which showed him dredging and lifting handfuls of weeds off the bottom of the lake.

Mr. Holt reported that a guard rail had been installed by the Town of Barnstead near the ramp at Hernden's cottage and that to solve the problem of the two "No Parking Between Signs" signs being too close together, he would suggest placing the signs at either end of the guard rail which would be an ample distance.

William Dugan made a motion to overturn the vote at the July 8 meeting and return the Association's yearly dues to \$5.00 per property-owning household. Joseph Arigo seconded the motion and after discussion which centered around the problem of milfoil removal, the motion passed 20 in favor, 6 opposed, 5 abstentions.

Under New Business Joseph Arigo described what had transpired at a meeting held on Wednesday, July 15, in Barnstead as a result of the State's equalization legislation and the Town's plan to raise waterfront property assessment on Half Moon Lake by 60%. He stated that residents of Barnstead's seven Lakes, whose assessments were to be raised different amounts, were assembling a response to this plan which they feel is an unfair spot assessment and are demanding an equal assessment of all property in the town.

Mr. Arigo made a motion that the Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association back

the Barnstead property owners' challenge of this unfair raise in assessments. Dr. Jeffrey Byer seconded the motion and the motion was passed after considerable discussion.

President Holt agreed that the Association should send a letter to accompany the petition being sent by the Barnstead property owners to the State on the following Monday expressing Half Moon Lake Association's backing of the Barnstead property owners in their request for a more fair and equal assessment.

Francis Bennett made a motion, seconded by Joseph Arigo, that if needed Half Moon Lake Association would support financially up to \$1,500.00 legal help the Barnstead Property owners might incur. After much discussion, the motion failed by a vote of 8 in favor, 21 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

President Larry Holt recommended that the Association's Bylaws should be updated as the last time this was done was around 1968. He read some of the articles showing how outdated figures, meeting dates, etc., were and agreed to have an updated version ready for a vote of approval by the members at the July 2001 meeting.

The date for the annual Boat Parade was set for Saturday, September 2, at dusk (8:00 - 8:30 p.m.) and starting at Rustic Shores. Rain date will be Sunday, September 3. Suggestions for noting buoys in the dark and going deeper into the coves were made.

Conrad Breton reported a blue and white three-seater jet ski's dangerous operation near his raft. He was urged to notify the Marine Patrol the next time this happened.

Barbara Mahn urged preventing fishermen from launching their boats at 4:30 a.m. from the ramp near Hernden's cottage. Mr. Holt agreed to ask the Marine Patrol what could be done about this. It was decided that Kent Locke, Jr. would be approached to see if he would let the Association control the ramp as it maintains the ramp now.

Del Geddes asked what could be done about the family camping with no toilet facilities on the vacant lot used for pumping water to Locke's farm. Auckland Geddes reported that this family had a camp fire with large logs at night. He was urged to notify the police of the camp fires to see if they had a permit and Kent Locke will be asked who these campers are.

On a motion by Conrad Breton, seconded by William Dugan, the members voted to adjourn at 11:18 a.m.

Elvia Hetu, Secretary