

HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT - AUGUST 18, 2001

The August 18, 2001 Annual Meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association was called to order on the beach at Rustic Shores by President Larry Holt at 10:10 a.m. with 20 members present, representing Rustic Shores, South Shore Drive, Crescent Drive, North Barnstead Road, and Hollywood Beach Road.

The Secretary's report of the July 14 meeting was read and accepted on a motion by Jeffrey Byer, seconded by Michael Fedorchak.

The Treasurer's Report, stating a balance of \$3,826.64, was accepted on a motion by Michael Fedorchak, seconded by William Dugan.

Jeffrey Byer asked if the Association funds were in a Money Market account to obtain interest. Treasurer Maureen Fitzpatrick stated that they were in a non-interest checking account for immediate access. President Holt explained that Half Moon Lake Association was a non-profit organization and wished to remain as such, and after past experience, it was found to be best to have the funds easily accessible, for instance, to purchase the boat ramp.

OLD BUSINESS

President Holt reported that he had gone to the Departments of Public Safety, and Fish and Game and had not been able to obtain the 100 copies of the 2001 Boating Safety Rules which the Association had planned to distribute to each member. He displayed the sticker issued by the New Hampshire Lakes Association which had been reprinted in the August Meeting Notice mailing. He urged members to abide by the rule of staying 150 ft. from any dock unless at no-wake speed and to remind their guests also.

Mr. Holt reported that the Marine Patrol Warden had been seen twice on Half Moon Lake this summer and had caught someone from Dalton Beach. Ed Blair reported having spoken to the Warden one day when he had ticketed a Jet Skier. Mr. Blair also reported having seen a canoe with no lights at 9:30 p.m. off the shore opposite Rustic Shores, and urged that members note that all boats, even canoes and rowboats, must not be out after dark without lights.

President Holt pointed to the copies of the Legislative Activity Update reprinted from the New Hampshire Lakes Association publication which were for members to take if they wished. He reported that a bill was passed at the 2001 legislative session creating a committee to study the effectiveness of the Shoreland Protection Act. The committee will study the methods of increasing enforcement and knowledge of the Act at the local level as well as determine if existing buffer distances and exemptions are appropriate to ensure the protection of surface water quality in New Hampshire.

Mr. Holt also noted that three other bills are still being considered in committee - The Milfoil Research and Prevention Bill for research and prevention projects addressing milfoil and other exotic species; The Moorings Bill which would give lake associations and individuals the ability to bring additional lakes under the existing moorings law as the need arises; and the Ski Craft Bill which would unify 1 and 2 passenger ski craft and 3 and 4 passenger personal water craft under the definition of personal water craft and would

create a petition process that would assess the appropriateness of personal water craft use on individual lakes.

It was announced that Half Moon Lake water was tested July 5 and would be tested again that next week. Mr. Holt stated that the State representative present at the July 5 testing had found the lake's oxygen level excellent and other readings were the same good levels as usual.

Mr. Blair asked about the impact of the horse farm on the water quality and Mr. Holt stated that it was not as it had been in the past. He stated that the State had been asked to talk to the Town of Alton about sweeping up the sand and salt put down on icy roads in the winter so that it would not get into the lake and to speak to the owners of farms on Prospect Mountain which has a potential run-off to our lake.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeffrey Byer suggested having a list of members' e-mail addresses mailed to members so that anyone noticing a problem at another's cottage when the owner was not there could contact him. Those interested were asked to sign up.

President Holt announced that Half Moon Lake T-Shirts were for sale and urged members to tell their neighbors. He offered to deliver shirts to any dock where the owner wished to purchase some.

Mr. Holt stated that the Fish and Game Department would be contacted to report the sighting of mink in the water near swimmers. Jeffrey Byer stated that if anyone is bitten, the mink should be trapped to be tested for rabies. Deborah Fedorchak reported that a leach was found on her daughter's leg recently and other members stated they had seen them over the years.

Members were urged to clean the water in front of their property of all weeds.

Jeffrey Byer asked about the progress of the purchase of the boat ramp by the Association and, although there was nothing to report since the July meeting, he was assured the officers were working on it.

Ed Blair made a motion that an insured Real Estate Attorney be hired to handle the sales and purchase agreement and deed at the time the boat ramp is available so that if a question should arise later the attorney will be liable to the Association.

Attorney fees and the offer of \$2,200.00 for the boat ramp were discussed.

As there was no second to Mr. Blair's motion it was not voted upon.

It was announced that all dues were due at this meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The slate of officers determined at the July 14 meeting was read and Conrad

Breton made a motion, seconded by Michael Fedorchak, that the slate of officers selected at the July meeting be accepted and the vote was unanimous. Elected were: Larry Holt, President; Larry Carr, Vice-President; Maureen Fitzpatrick, Treasurer; and Elvia Hetu, Secretary.

President Holt stated that once the boat ramp was purchased members might be assessed for money to pay for material for repairing and resurfacing the ramp and that many volunteers would save on the cost of the labor for the project.

The Labor Day Weekend Boat Parade was set for Saturday , September 1, with a rain date of Sunday, September 2. Boaters were urged to join the parade at dusk (7:30 - 8:00 p.m.) at Rustic Shores and to keep their speed down. We hope to have 30 boats in the procession this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvia Hetu, Secretary