

HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association on July 6, 2002 was called to order at the Fitzpatrick's, 44 So. Shore Drive by President Larry Holt at 10:00am with at least 58 members present representing Rustic Shores, Crescent Drive, Varney Shores, O'Neill Road, Camp Mitena, So Shore Drive, Half Moon Bay, No Barnstead Road and Route 28.

Representatives from the New Hampshire Marine Patrol, Crystal Druen and Bob Mulligan, were present to answer questions about lake safety. Some people were concerned about boat traffic in the cove. Crystal had measured the distance (width) from the point of entry to the cove which was 268 yards across. In order to have a "no wake" zone created, 25 signatures must be obtained on a petition, be presented to the Commissioner, he would establish a hearing date probably in July or August of 2003. Then, if accepted, the ruling would take place in 2004. The Commissioner takes into consideration how many times the Marine Patrol is called and how much activity they find on the lake. Headway speed would be 6 mph and stay 150' away from the shore and other boats. The Patrol persons suggested that it would be much more simple for the lake residents to contact the violators personally, explain to them that they are either creating too much of a wake or are travelling too close to shore. Richard Dame questioned the Patrol if it is permissible to go round and round in circles with his jet ski in the middle of the lake to make wakes and the answer was yes, providing there are no boats in the immediate area. The meeting resumed its regular order after the Marine Patrol left.

The Secretary's Report of August 18, 2001 was read and accepted.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,984.31. There was a \$274.00 profit from the sale of Half Moon T shirts. Report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Copies of the "Boater's Guide" are available from the Marine Patrol.

Larry reported that Milfoil Bill (HB592) has passed legislation on February 6, 2002 and makes funds available through a grant program for milfoil education and prevention projects on individual lakes. Monies for this grant program come from a \$3.00 increase in boat registration fees. Larry also mentioned that there is a new group called "milfoil weed watchers" in which he has enrolled. More volunteers are gratefully accepted. See Larry if interested.

As for Ski Craft Bill #SB146, this would unify all personal watercraft (3 & 4 passenger and 1 & 2 passenger) into one category and has been tabled in the Senate for now. This legislation would NOT ban PWC use on any lake, but would allow

citizen input regarding the use of PWCs on lakes through a petition process.

Water was tested on June 11, 2002 and is still unchanged and satisfactory. Question asked - "Can we use biodegradeable soap in the water?"

Answer - NO NO NO!!! State is now recommending that we test 3 times a year - June, July and August.

NEW BUSINESS

Minks have been reported at Camp Mitena and Fern Hill areas. A few leaches have been reported. For removal, use fingers or pour salt on them. Snapping turtles were spotted at Camp Mitena and Rustic Shores.

The Boat Ramp is presently owned by Kent Locke and its purchase is still in limbo. The agreed price is \$2200.00 and we are presently working on a Purchase and Sale Agreement. All we need is for Kent to sign on the dotted line. Money will come from the Half Moon Lake Treasury and is available.

Ralph Esty asked if the level of the lake can be controlled. Larry informed him that the dam controls the lake level.

The State sent Larry a letter asking what would be the emergency control measures be if the dam were to break? As this is a State owned dam, it would be their responsibility.

There are some new rules regarding operation of boats on NH waterways. Boat operators under the age of 19 operating a vessel over 25hp must possess a Safe Boater Education Certificate. Youths under the age of 16 operating a vessel in excess of 25hp must be accompanied by an adult with a Safe Boater Education Certificate. Larry will try to set up this course with the Marine Patrol possibly on Sunday August 17 at Camp Mitena. At this time, any interested resident can partake and get certified. This course can also be taken online at www.boat-ED.com for a fee of \$15.00 and \$10.00 for the license.

The Camp Director at Mitena has asked that you stop at his dock and let him know you if there are any problems with his campers. He will try to correct them.

Pat Mannion of Rustic Shores has a collection of things that have floated down to her area. Contact her if you are missing anything.

Shawn Keenan of Crescent Drive mentioned that there is now a Shore Line Protection Act #SB471 mandating that any new building or addition must be a minimum 50' back from the shoreline.

Larry stated that the Half Moon Lake By Laws have been updated by the new officers. What they forgot to include was "How long

should the term of office be for the officers?" This will be taken up at the next meeting.

T shirts were available for sale after the meeting. Orders will be taken if additional ones are needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mahn, Secretary Pro-Tem