

HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT  
AUGUST 17, 2003

President Larry Holt called the August 17, 2003 meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association to order at 10:14 a.m. in the Dining Hall of Camp Mi-Ti-Na. There were 32 members present representing Crescent Drive, Rustic Shores, Route 28, Varney Shores, South Shore Drive, and O'Neil Road.

President Holt welcomed all present, thanked Camp Manager Rick Ross for use of the Camp hall and refreshments, and introduced the officers, Vice President Larry Carr who would be selling Half Moon Lake Tee Shirts, Secretary Elvia Hetu, and George Fitzpatrick who was filling in for Treasurer Maureen Fitzpatrick and accepting dues.

The Secretary's Report of the July 12 meeting was read and there was one correction: the motion by Ed Blair "to make a barricade to prevent canoes and kayaks from going through the culvert between Locke Lake and Half Moon Lake" should also have included "and to use Association funds to pay for said barricade and any repair work necessary on the culvert."

On a motion by Ed Blair, duly seconded, the Secretary's Report was approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Holt reported that the buoy missing at the Varney Shores area had been replaced by the Marine Patrol just that past week.

He stated that a temporary "Milfoil" sign is up and that Matthew Morton was working on the repair of the damage to the culvert.

Mr. Holt explained that Kent Locke, Jr. had attended the latter part of the July 12 meeting and had said that papers were being passed that coming week for the sale of the ramp to the Association for \$2,500.00, but nothing has been heard since.

President Holt reported on the Water Testings on July 13 and with the State on July 31. He stated that five or six swimming areas were tested for e.coli and the rating was 2, the rating which would cause a shut down of a beach is 80. Mr. Holt stated that another testing would be done in mid-September.

NEW BUSINESS

Several Members reported swimmers and scuba divers out in the middle of the lake at the entrance to a cove with no boat or with a boat not very near them. Mr. Holt stated there was no Association rule, or law, that he knew of, against swimming in the middle of the lake, but that safety and common sense would make it necessary for a boat to accompany the swimmer.

Ed Blair reported four boats having a party or fishing on the lake after dark with no lights on.

The rule for Jet Skis was asked and Mr. Holt stated that the law forbids one and two-passenger jet skis on Half Moon Lake on weekends, but that three or more passenger skis were considered watercraft and accountable to the same laws as boats.

Pat Mannion asked if anyone had been bothered by snakes and two or three Members reported having seen a few.

Ed Blair asked if the portable toilet at Dalton Beach was still operating properly and others asked about Crescent Beach where there is no toilet and boats are moored there all day long. Mr. Holt said that the e.coli readings at both locations had been very good.

President Holt reminded the Members of the By-Law stating that officers should serve no more than two consecutive terms and that in July 2004 nominations would be made and accepted and new officers would be voted for in August 2004. He stated that the main goal of his presidency was to buy the ramp and he hoped that would be accomplished before the next election.

Mr. Holt announced that Half Moon Lake Tee Shirts would be on sale 3 for \$10.00 at the end of the meeting and the proceeds would go to the Association Treasury.

#### SPEAKER

President Holt introduced Jody Connor from the Department of Environmental Services.

Mr. Connor, using an overhead projector, gave a very informative description of exotic underwater plants, what they looked like, how they spread, and their relative danger to lakes. He stated that Milfoil was spread by boats, motors, and trailers and that once it gets a hold on a lake there is no way to stop it.

He stated that aquariums dumped into a lake will spread Milfoil and that when it is dense it can entangle children and drown them. He stated that there are 55 bodies of water with Milfoil in New Hampshire with two or three new ones each year.

Mr. Conner showed drawings and photos of what the various kinds of Milfoil look like. He stated that hydrilla, a particularly dangerous plant grows an inch a day and has reached Massachusetts and Maine, but not New Hampshire as yet.

Mr. Connor listed the ways to try to get rid of the weeds - hand pulling, bottom mats, harvesting, applying herbicides,

and draining the lake. He assured the Members that a quick response was the best way to rid a lake of weeds because after they spread, forget it.

Mr. Connor stated that the State would pay for the first application of herbicides but that a second application would be 50% by the State and 50% by the lake landowners. He stated that there was no funding for native aquatic plant control, the law covers only foreign plants.

Mr. Connor stated that Locke Lake which has a Milfoil problem has been treated with the herbicide "Diquat."

He then answered the questions asked by Association Members.

#### ADJOURNMENT

President Holt thanked Jody Connor for his presentation, and Camp MiTeNa for its hospitality.

He announced that the Boat Parade would be held on Saturday, August 30, with a rain date of Sunday, August 31, starting at 8:00 p.m. at Camp MaTiNa, and urged Members to decorate their boats and join in.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvia Hetu, Secretary