

HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT
July 12, 2003

Meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association was held on July 12, 2003 at the Fitzpatrick's, 44 So. Shore Drive and was called to order at 10:10am by President Larry Holt. Members present were from Fernhill, Crescent Drive, Varney Shores, Rte 28, Rustic Shores, So. Shore Drive and Camp Mitena.

Larry has two tapes on milfoil entitled "Lake Hosts" and "New Hampshire Lakes under Attack". The States says that we are clear of milfoil, as of today, and they are looking for "hosts" to work at ramps checking boats as they enter and leave to be sure that they are not bringing in any foreign substances - milfoil - on their trailers, motors or boat bottoms. Hosts will be given a training session, have pamphlets about milfoil to give out, and be paid for their time. Tapes may be borrowed and circulated so everyone may be aware of what the State is trying to do to keep our lakes clean.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Expenses were \$2,054.72. Income was \$2518.05 leaving a balance of \$5447.64. Town of Alton has donated \$100.00 toward the water testing bill which costs around \$250.00.

Salt and sand coming down Prospect Hill Road inlet has caused the phosphorous level count to go up. Towns of Alton and Barnstead will be asked to sweep the salt and sand before it has a chance to wash into the lake. Next sampling will be taken on July 13. The State will accompany us for the July 31 testing to make sure we are doing it correctly.

Regarding the purchase of the boat ramp on No. Barnstead Road from Kent Locke, Maureen Fitzpatrick is still working on this item and finds Kent to be procrastinating. According to Renee Adams, she read that this ramp is a State Boat Ramp and, if so, this makes a big difference and we would not be able to purchase it. The Association has always felt that the ramp was owned by Mr. Locke, but this will be checked out.

Suggestions were made to erect some sort of sign at the culvert saying "Do Not Enter - No Milfoil Wanted In This Lake" to stop canoes and kayaks from entering from Locke Lake. A motion was made by Ed Blair and seconded "that we make a barricade to prevent canoes and kayaks from going through the culvert. The State will be contacted in this regard before we attempt this job. Matthew Morton offered to help with this project and can supply materials.

There is a buoy missing at the Varney Shores area. Marine Patrol will be contacted as they are the ones that remove and replace the buoys each year.

Three loons were sited on the lake and this is "good news" as they like clean lakes.

Regarding the pumping area - in the cove - where Locke pumps out water for his blueberry farm, the water should be tested here again as there is a trailer on site with 2 people living in it. We are concerned about septic problems that might occur. Ed Blair has spoken with these folks and finds them to be personable. They are trying to buy the two acre lot from Kent.

A swimming pool company truck was seen pumping water from the lake filling his truck at the Route 28 launching area. Larry suggested that if this happens again, the neighbors should take the registration a/o telephone number of the truck and report it to the State. We need to find out if this is permissible.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mahn, Secretary Pro-Tem

PS - Be sure to discuss "How long should the term of office be" at the August meeting.