

**Half Moon Lake Association Secretary's Report**  
**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

The August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 second annual meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association was called to order at 10:18 AM by President Jon Gilbert at his home at 52 South Shore Drive. He welcomed the 44 members present and called for the minutes of the last meeting to be read.

The Secretary's Minutes of the July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting were read by Secretary Debbie Fedorchak. Elvia Hetu made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as read and Ralph Booth seconded the motion.

The Treasurer's report was read by Linda Bramante showing an ending balance of \$6239.69 for 2004. She stated that the sale of T-shirts is supplementing the income of the Association. Linda also stated that our ongoing project of updating the Lake Association addresses would continue. A complete lake address listing will be the end result and will aid in the development of the new lake map that Debbie Fedorchak is working on. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Kevin Hasenfuss and seconded by Mary Jean Byer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Jon Gilbert gave an update on the grates by the dam. The smaller second grate was damaged and will also be replaced by the same person who replaced the larger grate last year. The person doing the repairs has refused the \$200.00 approved at the last meeting for the repair of the grates. The money will be returned to the treasury.

The water test results are in and there were no surprises. In one area the turbidity of the water was high and the water was cloudy, but the water level was low and this was expected. The water is quite clear generally. Maureen Fitzpatrick stated that the water would be tested again this Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Young volunteers would again be needed to help. Gary Lee was nominated to help.

The boat ramp was discussed. President Gilbert stated that he hasn't approached the owners, and that the owners are still trying to get approval on their subdivision of their land. The next planning board meeting is Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. A member questioned if the owners could close off the boat ramp, if they chose to, since they own it. Would we be trespassing if we used it? It was noted that the boat ramp is not mentioned on our deeds. As long as there is nothing posted at the boat ramp saying that we can't use it, we can probably use it. The ramp is in bad need of repair. A member stated that the ramp is all dug up and is down to dirt and the cement and tar are gone. This hasn't been seen by other members, but will be looked at.

Gary Lee has informed the members that a Boating Certificate can be obtained online at the New Hampshire Fish and Games website...click on Public Safety. The pre-test and the course are available for \$15 and the certificate costs \$10.

Debbie Fedorchak stated that she got her dinghy back. It was at Fernhill Beach. She also saw the snapping turtle while snorkeling at the point by Ralph Booth's house.

### **New Business**

A New Hampshire Fish and Games Research Vessel was seen on the lake in July for an electro fishing survey. It was done at night when the lake was quiet. An electric current is passed into the water, shocking the fish. They then rise to the top of the water and are scooped up in nets. They are then counted, weighed and measured. The report of their findings, brought to the meeting by Joe Buckley, was read by Debbie Fedorchak. It stated that our lake had lots of baby fish and was an excellent nursery for many different species. Many white perch were seen. Other species seen were large and small mouth bass, yellow perch, yellow hornpout, bluegill and redbreast sunfish.

Many members then discussed the dangerous situations they have witnessed on our lake. Doogie warned members about the two ladies that swim out quite far at Dalton Beach at dusk most evenings. They can be difficult to see so you should proceed with caution there. Dorothy Van Dyke has seen two kayaks out at dusk with no lights on. Members were reminded that boats should be lit within ½ hour after sunset. John Wheeler saw two jet skis (a red one and a yellow one) almost collide. Jon Gilbert has reminded that people swimming off their boats in the cove should stay in the middle of the cove especially when it is busy, so as not to be hit by water skiers. Larry Stefani has questioned if the Marine Patrol enforce the Jet Ski ruling on the weekends. It is hoped that this is done.

Maureen Fitzpatrick has reported that she has seen 6 loons on the lake

The Boat Parade will start at 8 PM or dusk in front of Camp Mi-Te-Na on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 with a rain date of Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Larry Holt has asked that if you decide to leave the parade early or when the parade is done to please keep the wake down, so as not to swamp a boat in the parade. Decorating and lighting of the boats is encouraged.

The final bit of new business was brought up by President Gilbert. The present dues are only \$5 a year at this time. It was suggested that maybe in the future the dues could be raised a little each year to build up our treasury in the event our lake should get milfoil or we get a chance to purchase the boat ramp. Much discussion followed about the amount of the increase. A motion was made by Kevin Hausenfuss to increase our dues in 2006 to \$10 a year and seconded by Dorothy Van Dyke. All were in favor.

Jean LeBlanc stated that the state usually pays ½ of the first treatment for milfoil and the people pay the other ½. It was questioned how you could enforce the lake people to pay their fair share of the cost? Maureen Fitzpatrick said that the people from Suncook Lake went to the town Selectmen and the town voted to pay half of the cost. Suncook had the cutting edge treatment for milfoil. A GPS system was used to track the milfoil and it was a very organized effort to rid the lake of this plant.

The Lake Host Program was also discussed by Maureen Fitzpatrick whereby the boats at the boat ramps would be monitored for milfoil. The monitors would be paid by the state. Some lakes have a parking area and a mandatory pressure wash prior to entering the lake. This is enforced by the towns involved and steep fines are given out for violations. President Gilbert has said that he will look into this.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM by Ralph Booth and duly seconded by Kevin Hausenfuss.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Fedorchak  
Secretary