

## Half Moon Lake Association Secretary's Report July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005

The July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 annual meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association was called to order at 10:15 AM by President Jon Gilbert at his home on 52 South Shore Drive, Center Barnstead, with 48 members present. The newly elected board of officers, voted in at the August 22, 2004 meeting were introduced by President Gilbert. Treasurer-Linda Bramante; Secretary- Debbie Fedorchak; and Vice President- Jim Rye.

The Secretary's Minutes of the August 22, 2004 meeting, written by Past- Secretary Elvia Hetu, were read by Secretary Debbie Fedorchak. On a motion by Larry Holt, and seconded by Frank Senkel, the members voted to accept the Secretary's report as read. Members with input to the meeting were asked to state their names prior to speaking.

Treasurer Linda Bramante has reported an ending balance of \$6239.69 in our bank account. An analysis was done by Linda with regards to the sale of T Shirts from 2002 through 2004 and a total profit of \$476.57 was made. Linda also estimated the total number of paying members in the Lake Association to be 70 %. Rustic Shores, O'Neill Drive, and Fern Hill paid 100% of their dues based on the list Linda was given. Linda has also compiled a list of Association members, addresses, phone numbers, dues paid, and where they are located on the lake. She also has added E-Mail addresses and which local lake association they belong to. She has asked the members present to come and take a look at her list to make any corrections and update any areas needed. It is our goal to be able to E-Mail any notices or newsletters on an as needed basis to each member...thereby saving paper, postage, printing and time. Members were assured that if they choose to receive notices through the mail that this would not change. The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion by Ed Blair and seconded by Steve Adams.

### OLD BUSINESS

The grates at the dam culverts were discussed. The larger grate was removed after being badly damaged by someone. The new grate is made of rebar and should be difficult to remove. David Briggs questioned whether the smaller grate would need to be replaced in the future. Ed Blair stated that the smaller culvert was too small for a canoe and we could watch the small grate for damage in the future. It was stated that there is a sign up on the culverts stating: "No longer any travel through the culverts due to milfoil." A motion was made by President Gilbert to compensate the person for the installation of the rebar on the larger grate in the amount of \$200 and was seconded by Jeff Byer. Gary Lee thanked the men for the good job they did installing the rebar.

Larry Holt stated that he had called the Marine Patrol last fall to see if their boats were cleaned between lakes they visited. He was told that they visually inspect for weeds and they have a brush in their boats to clean off the weeds.

Norm Hanson from Fernhill asked for an update on the boat access that we had been trying to purchase from Kent Locke. President Gilbert stated that this had been sold as part of Kent Locke's property. President Gilbert questioned what members wanted to do to maybe secure a more permanent agreement with the new owners. Much discussion followed about whether to have dialogue with the

new owners now or to wait until after the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting with the Planning Board where the new owners will be trying to get approval for a major subdivision. Members were encouraged to attend this meeting at the Barnstead Town Hall. It was decided to wait till after the outcome of the planning board meeting before we talk to the new owners after much discussion.

John Wheeler gave an update on the loon nesting sites discussed at last years meeting. He said a girl from the State came and saw some possible nesting sites. John stated he feels the heavy rain and the 6" rise in the level of the water may have washed out a nest. Some members have seen three loons together and others have seen two pairs of loons on the lake. Paul Warren questioned if there were any restrictions on loon nesting sites on the lake. Mike Bennett said boats should remain 150' from the nests.

Conrad Breton has asked homeowners to tell their visitors to use boats and jet skis safely on the lake. John Wheeler states that ski craft should be 300' from everything. President Gilbert said a reminder will be sent out in the next newsletter to follow safety rules and regulations.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chris Fauss, the waterfront director at Camp Mi-Te-Na, has asked people to feel free to stop and talk to him if they observe anything from his area on the lake or his campers that they don't like. He said that we were once again invited to use the Recreation Hall at the camp on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 for our second meeting. Paul Warren asked if the camp could possibly decrease the wattage on the light that is on all night at the beach. He states that this light shines into his bedroom every night and it is so bright that he has trouble seeing the stars at night. Chris stated the light was on all night to illuminate their docks and boats to prevent a collision and for safety. Mrs. Rye thought maybe solar lights or reflectors could be put on the rafts and boats to make them more visible at night. Someone else suggested that they could be put on a timer to go off at Midnight. Chris said he would discuss this problem with Rick at the camp.

Debbie Fedorchak stated that the mud turtle or snapping turtle was back in the lake and was quite large. Ed Blair said that he had it cornered once but it got away before he could remove it from the lake. Joyce Gilbert questioned why it had to be removed at all. New Hampshire has animals. They were here first.

President Gilbert spoke of the new raft regulations. John Wheeler stated the state was not staffed well enough to regulate everyone's raft. Mike Bennett said a Bill in the Legislature was passed to do away with raft regulation.

Larry Holt stated that the lake water has been tested once already this year. The results of the water testing are not available at this time. The State is coming to retest on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 at 9 AM at the boat ramp. Doogie will provide his boat for their use. They will need a young healthy volunteer to help with the collecting of the water samples. Joyce Gilbert, Mike Bennett, Norm Boisvert, and John Wheeler have volunteered to help.

Larry Holt has reminded anyone under the age of 38 that they need to have a boating certificate in order to operate a watercraft. He asked if the Marine Patrol had stopped anyone and Debbie Fedorchak said that she knows of two people stopped and fined.

T Shirts can be ordered at this time and will be ready in approximately two weeks. Children's sizes cost \$8 and adults are \$10. There were some smaller shirts available at the meeting.

Debbie Fedorchak reported that her old dinghy had blown away in a storm. It was reported that an old dinghy floated onto the beach at Fernhill. Mr. Wheeler said a blue sled you pull behind a boat washed up onto his beach and is now on his raft for the owner to take.

The Boat Parade is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 3, 2005 with a rain date of Sunday, September 4, 2005. More information will follow at the next meeting to be held at the home of Jon Gilbert on Saturday, August 27, 2005 at 10 AM. The Rain date for this meeting will be Sunday, August 28, 2005.

Debbie Fedorchak stated that she is working on a new Half Moon Lake map with current owners names. It was suggested by John Wheeler that numbers should be put on the map with a correlating sheet with names to match the numbers. It would then be easier to update the owners as the names change. Ellen Courtney said that she had done an updated map of the lake and she would gladly share it with the Association.

A motion was made to end the meeting by Larry Holt and was duly seconded. The members adjourned at 11:13 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Fedorchak  
Secretary