

Half Moon Lake Association Secretary's Report  
July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006

President Jon Gilbert at his home on 52 South Shore Drive, Center Barnstead, called the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 annual meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association to order at 10:09 AM with 45 members present.

Debbie Fedorchak read the Secretary's Minutes of the August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting. On a motion by John Wheeler and seconded by Ed Blair, the members voted to accept the Secretary's Minutes as read.

The Treasurers Report was read by Linda Bramante and reported an ending balance on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 of \$6292.46. Ed Blair questioned the percentage of paying members. Linda estimated that approximately 75% of the people do pay. Much discussion followed about the collection of dues and how to let people know where their dues are going. Linda Bramante stated that the water testing cost us \$210 in the year 2000 and the same tests today cost us \$480. It was noted by Linda that Crescent Drive has a very poor record of paying dues. Barbara Cipriani, a resident of Crescent Drive, stated that most of Crescent Drive belongs to the Locke Lake Association. On a motion made by Ed Blair and seconded by Jim Rye, the members voted to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Chuck Petalas suggested letting people know that milfoil has been found in the lake, and let them know where their dues are going. Dan Wildes suggested a notice in big bold letters saying, "ATTENTION" "MILLFOIL FOUND...DO YOU CARE?"

#### OLD BUSINESS

A person from Locke Lake Colony sent a letter to the town asking that the grates be removed from the culverts to Locke Lake. A few from Half Moon Lake went to the selectman's office to plead our case, that there is milfoil in Locke Lake and we are trying to limit traffic through that culvert from Locke Lake. The Selectmen accepted our reasoning and issued a letter to the Locke Lake individual stating that the grates can stay. Ed Blair questioned if the grates are in need of repair. George Fitzpatrick stated that the aluminum one is in need of repair and we have the parts to fix it.

Paul Warren complained again about the Boy's Camp light facing the lake. Chris Faust said that maybe a deflector could be put on it. Paul Warren said that he would pay for a new light. The light is on only in the summer for a few weeks.

Pat Mannion stated that she has a canoe that floated onto Rustic Shores with the last flood, if anyone would like to claim it.

The bad condition of the boat ramp, owned by Mr. Capone and Mr. Alba, was discussed. Maureen Fitzpatrick suggested that we have a truckload of gravel or crushed stone dumped on the ramp the week

before Labor Day for a temporary fix so we can get our boats out. Dan Wildes questioned using cement on it. Gary Lee has volunteered to ask Mr. Capone if we can make the boat ramp safe or if he wants to sell it to the Lake Association.

Boat Safety was brought up by Jon Gilbert. Please go in a counterclockwise direction only and observe boat safety at all times. The weekends are the busiest and people need to be aware of traffic and not swim from their boats in the middle of the cove while others are trying to water-ski. Use common sense. Chuck Petalas mentioned the danger involved with people who ski and Jet Ski after sunset. It was suggested to write down the boat numbers if you see this happening and report it to Marine Patrol. Chris Faust noted that we don't own the lake. We can suggest and educate the public, but we can't force them to follow the rules. It was suggested that each road association delegate someone to collect the dues, explain where the dues are going and to talk about the rules of the lake and boat safety, one on one, with their members. Chris Faust asked about a yellow Jet Ski that has been bothering the boys kayaking from the camp. No one knew who owned this.

Boating Certificates were discussed by Jon Gilbert. The exam can still be taken on line. There is a lot to be learned by taking the course. You will not be stopped just to see if you have a boating certificate, but if you are stopped for another reason, they can ask to see your certificate.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Two large milfoil bushes were found in the cove and harvested by the state. More pieces were later found floating in the lake and removed. Please note what this weed looks like and remove it if you see it floating. (Sample provided)

An additional August lake meeting newsletter to let the members know what took place at the August meeting was questioned by Debbie Fedorchak. I was told that unless there is an increase in dues or another major development that no additional mailings are needed.

Chris Faust asked if there were any other issues with the Boy's Camp. I asked if the volume of Taps and Revile could be turned up so we could hear it in the cove.

Barking dogs on Crescent Drive were complained about.

Dan Wildes thought he saw a baby loon on its mother's back in the cove.

Maureen Fitzpatrick has seen a mother fox and its baby on South Shore Drive.

It was noted that there were not many Canadian Geese on the lake his year. On a motion made by John Wheeler and seconded by Mike Fedorchak, the members voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie Fedorchak, Secretary