

**The Half Moon Lake Association's Secretary's Report  
July 12, 2008**

The first annual meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association was called to order at 10:05 AM by President, Jon Gilbert, at 52 South Shore Drive, Barnstead, with 50 members present. Also in attendance were a speaker from the DES, Jason Aube, and a reporter from National Public Radio, Amy Quentin.

The Secretary's Minutes of the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting were read by Debbie Fedorchak. On a motion by Ed Blair and seconded by Maureen Fitzpatrick, the members voted to accept the Secretary's Minutes as read.

The Treasurer's Report was then given by Linda Bramante, who reported an ending balance for 2007 of \$7680.13. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, she has collected \$130 and has spent \$505.20 for postage, printing, gravel and NH Lake Association dues, leaving us with a current balance of \$7304.93. She then placed \$1000 into a fund earmarked for future milfoil control as voted on last year. On a motion by Pat Mannion and seconded by Jon Wheeler, the members voted to accept the Treasurer's Report as read

**Old Business**

The purchase of the boat ramp was the first item of discussion by President Jon Gilbert. He feels that this issue is closed at this time. He sent a certified letter to Mr. Capone and the letter was returned to sender. Jon states that there seems to be no interest by them to sell the boat ramp. Gravel has been placed on the ramp to fill the gullies to make it safer and we as an organization will continue to add gravel as needed unless and until we are told otherwise. Members were in favor of this approach.

The next item of 'Old Business' was the milfoil. Linda Bramante reported that three divers from the state came in and pulled a small amount of milfoil, but she still has some under her dock and in the rocks in front of her home. She will call the divers back and mark the areas where the milfoil is seen. She offered to look at any questionable weeds to determine if they are milfoil or not at any member's site.

Jon Gilbert stated that he and Mike Fedorchak went to a Barnstead Milfoil Committee Meeting last Fall headed by Ed Neister and they are aware of our problem, which pales in comparison to the fight they have getting the milfoil out of the Suncook River.

The last item of 'Old Business' is boating safety. Please operate your boat in a counterclockwise direction on our lake at all times. Please use your lights after dark so others can see you.

## **New Business**

Ed Blair questioned the legality and ramifications of the newly placed loon-nesting site. Much discussion followed. Vice-President, Gary Lee has offered to check with the Loon Association for restrictions and will report back to us at the next meeting in August.

The next order of 'New Business' was presented by Mike Hurd. He has reminded us that everyone needs a boating certificate to operate a boat this year.

Jon Gilbert then introduced the newest people on our lake, Tom and Caroline Lehman, who purchased the Bean property. They were warmly welcomed by all in attendance.

At this time, the meeting was opened to Jason Aube from the Wetlands Bureau of the Department of Environmental Services for his presentation on the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, which came into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. The purpose of this Act is to protect our valuable lakes and shore lands of New Hampshire. After the presentation, Jason answered many questions and handouts were given to read at home. We thanked Jason Aube for his very informative presentation.

Maureen Fitzpatrick stated that the lake water was tested yesterday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. She would like to see more volunteers to help with collection of the water samples.

On a motion made by Ed Blair and seconded by David Briggs the members voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Fedorchak, Secretary