

**THE ALTON-BARNSTEAD HALFMOON LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**SECRETARY'S REPORT**  
**AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

The second annual meeting of the Halfmoon Lake Association was called to order at 10:10 AM with 42 members present. The meeting was held in the dining hall at Camp Mi-Te-Na in Alton, New Hampshire. There was no President or Vice President present.

Our guest speaker for the meeting, Jeff Schloss, from the UNH Cooperative Extension, was introduced to the members. He spoke at length with regards to waterfront landscaping and ways to prevent pollutants from entering our lake and our wells. He said that if we maintained 2 to 3 foot vegetative buffers by the waterfront, it would aid in keeping the Canada geese off our property. He brought two books that could be purchased that described his presentation in greater depth. They are available by going to the UNH website <http://extension.unh.edu/resources>

Debbie Fedorchak then read the Secretary's Report of the July 10, 2010 meeting. On a motion by Pat Mannion and seconded by Frank Senkel, the members voted to accept the minutes as read.

Linda Bramante, who reported a beginning balance of \$8373.15 in 2010, then read the Treasurer's Report. She has received \$1250 so far this year from dues and the sale of t-shirts and books. Our expenses have totaled \$1737.39 for three water tests, for membership to the NH Lakes Association, for printing, postage, and labels, for the purchase of t-shirts, for the milfoil diver, and for a donation in memory of George "Fitzy" Fitzpatrick. This leaves us with a current balance of \$7885.76 as of today. On a motion by Pat Mannion and seconded by Mike Fedorchak, the members voted to accept the Treasurer's Report as read.

At this time, Linda Bramante asked if there were any new members present at the meeting. Cliff and Kate Brown from Half Moon Bay Drive introduced themselves and volunteered to be the street representative for their area on the lake. Pat Delaney from the Half Moon Cottage Colony introduced herself and provided us with a map and resident list for her area with e-mail addresses for everyone in her area. Thank you Pat, Cliff, and Kate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The first order of Old Business was in regards to the wording of the milfoil fund balance in the Treasurer's Report. It was Ed Blair's understanding that this \$1000 fund would always be replenished to equal \$1000 as soon as any of it was spent. Much discussion followed. Jay Macken made a motion to keep the milfoil fund at \$1000 all the time. This motion was not seconded. More discussion followed. Eric Bahr noted that the way the motion was worded, it was then unnecessary to have a milfoil fund at all, as long as the amount would never go down, then we could spend all our funds as needed to fight milfoil. At the end, Ed Blair made a motion to spend up to \$2000 to fight milfoil and if more than that amount was needed, it would be voted on the following year. Frank Senkel seconded this and a majority vote passed this motion, with only 2 nay votes.

Debbie Fedorchak then spoke about the milfoil in the cove as an update. The diver, Grant Thompson, had been in twice this year to pick the milfoil. Debbie thought she saw more milfoil close to the shore and notified Amy Smagula who then sent in the two State divers. They arrived on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to check out the whole area and only found native coontail by the shore and no milfoil was seen anywhere in the cove. Linda Bramante then reported that she had recently

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removed pieces of milfoil floating in the cove. Debbie has agreed to keep an eye on this area in the spring. We finally seem to be making good progress with the milfoil problem.

Debbie Fedorchak spoke about the boating safety issues brought up by our guest speaker in July. All the members should have gotten an e-mail or hard copy with reminders to operate your boat in a safe manner. Members were encouraged to hang them up in their cottage if they have renters.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The first order of new business was brought by Linda Bramante who spoke about the questionable sale of the Kent Locke property and her concern with the boat ramp if his land should all sell. Much discussion followed. Linda thought a lawyer might be necessary at some point to help us get some answers to our questions about the boat ramp.

**The election of Officers for 2011 was the next order of business, with the following results:**

President: Roger Hatch 603-568-9148  
Vice President: Bill Mannion 603-776-2362  
Secretary: Nina Kelly jnkelly154@comcast.net  
Treasurer: Linda Bramante 603-776-0486

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS!!!**

Linda Bramante asked for volunteers, as Jeff Schloss recommended, to work with the NH Lakes Association and UNH on landscaping around our lake and possibly get help with our boat ramp repairs. Bill Mannion volunteered to help and get in touch with them.

On a motion by Jim Kelly and seconded by Barbara Mahn, the members voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Fedorchak