

The Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association
Secretary's Report
July 10, 2010

The first annual meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association was called to order at 10:04 AM by Vice-President Gary Lee at the home of Linda and Frank Bramante, 118 North Barnstead Road, Barnstead, NH with 37 members present. The heavy rain began immediately and the meeting was moved to the metal boat storage unit in their yard.

Vice-President Gary Lee called for a moment of silence in memory of the loss of a fellow member and friend, George "Fitzy" Fitzpatrick.

The next order of business was the introduction of our guest speaker, Sgt. Josh Girth, from the New Hampshire Marine Patrol. He gave a detailed explanation of the rules and regulations for safe boating on our lake. He answered many questions from our members. It was very enlightening and informative.

Debbie Fedorchak then read the Secretary's Report from the August 30th, 2009 meeting. On a motion by Roger Hatch and seconded by Frank Bramante, the members voted to accept the minutes as read.

The Treasurer's Report was then given by Linda Bramante, who reported a beginning balance in 2009 of \$7944.93. The Association took in \$1720 from the collection of dues, the sale of T-Shirts and a donation from Alton. Our expenses totaled \$1291.78 for our water testing, postage and printing, DES weed books, milfoil extraction, and a donation for Elvia Hetu. This left us with an ending balance of \$8373.15 for 2009.

Our income, so far, this year is \$275 from dues and T-Shirts and our expenses so far this year total \$603 for the NH Lakes Association, water testing, postage and printing. This leaves us with a current balance of \$8045.15. On a motion from David Briggs and seconded by Roger Hatch, the members voted to accept the Treasurer's Report as given.

Old Business

Frank Bramante, the spokesperson for the milfoil committee on our lake, then spoke about the latest work that was done over last fall and this year to address the milfoil problem. He thanked Linda Bramante and Debbie Fedorchak for their day-to-day diligence in monitoring the milfoil on our lake. He noted that the diver, Grant Thompson, came once to hand pick the milfoil late in the season last year and had been to the lake twice this year to pick the milfoil again. I, Debbie Fedorchak, had a sample of the milfoil in a jar and bladderwort that I passed around for the members to see and recognize if they think they have it. I then read an Email to the members sent to me by Amy Smagula from the DES. It stated that one of the state biologists and an intern went around our whole lake on June 4th, 2010 and did a survey of the milfoil on our lake. They found some milfoil in the same shallow cove area that it had been in previously. They felt it could safely be pulled by snorkeling. They found the rest of the lake to be free of milfoil.

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I felt that the diver had done a fair job on his first visit to the lake this year, because of the visibility with all the silt. The second time he came to the lake, I was in the canoe and could direct him to the

milfoil I saw. I then told the members that I would canoe to the milfoil area every month or so to keep an eye on the problem. Time will tell.

Mike Fedorchak read the results of the water testing for June. Our lake was found to be aging but healthy. The results were all within normal limits.

New Business

Nominations for officers were taken at this meeting and can be added to, at the August meeting, when a vote for our new officers will be taken.

Nominations are as follows:

President: Roger Hatch-----Vice President: Bill Mannion-----

Secretary: no new nomination received-----Treasurer: Linda Bramante

Ed Blair then asked if we could go back to the old way of having a representative for each street or smaller association on the lake, to make the officer's jobs more manageable. Majority agreed and names for each representative were taken. These representatives would be responsible to get their member's name, lake address, home address, and Email address.

The representatives are as follows:

Rustic Shores.....Bill and Pat Mannion

South Shore Drive.... Ed Blair and Dan Wildes

Crescent Drive.....Ann Bohley and Mike Geraci

Newcastle Ext..... David Parish

O'Neill Drive..... David Briggs

Fire Road 1 The Point.....John Wheeler

Rt. 28. Alton line to Varney Rd.....Vickie Pelletier

Varney Road.....no representative available at this time.

Fernhill.....Al Gengras

The members thanked Vice-President Gary Lee for stepping up and doing a great job in the absence of our President, Jon Gilbert, who has moved.

Members were reminded about our second meeting to be held on Sunday, August 29, 2010 at Camp Mi-Te-Na in Alton at 10 AM.

Also, our Labor Day Boat Parade will be held on Saturday, September 4th (with a rain date of Sept 5th). We will meet in front of Camp Mi-Te-Na around 8 PM. Please have adequate lighting for safety.

Linda Bramante questioned the making of a donation in Fitzzy's name. On a motion made by Dan Wildes to send a donation of \$100 in memory of Fitzzy to the Barnstead Elementary School, and seconded by Frank Bramante, the members voted to accept the motion unanimously.

On a motion by Ed Blair and seconded by Frank Bramante, the members voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Fedorchak, Secretary