

Halfmoon Lake Association Annual August 2020 Meeting
Camp Mi-Te-Na Dining Hall
2 PM, Saturday, August 30, 2020

On August 30, 2020 the second annual meeting for the 54th year since the founding of the Halfmoon Lake Association (HMLA) was called to order by President, Bill Mannion at 2:05 pm. Bill began the meeting giving thanks to Matt and his staff of Camp Mi-Te-Na for hosting us.

Officers, President Bill Mannion, VP John Wheeler, Treasurer Linda Bramante, and Secretary Shelly Lalos were introduced. We welcomed new residents, Jeff & Marianne Arber, Ryan & Amelia Rockelein, and Jeff & Carrie Wallat.

Announcement was made that T-shirts and Caps were for sale after the meeting.

The Secretary's Report was pre-distributed prior to the meeting. There were no questions regarding the Secretary's Report, therefore Ethel McConaghy motioned to accept the Secretary's Report as presented and was seconded by Rob Headley. Members voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

Old Business

Update of neighborhood Area Representatives: Bill Hauser and JoAnn Willemsen accepted the Neighborhood Area Representative position for New Castle. Outstanding positions still available are Halfmoon Bay and Crescent Lake Drive/Kent Lane.

Water Quality/Testing Results update: Guy Leone thanked Frank Bramante, Mike Fedorchak and Jay Beaumont for their help with testing various areas of the lake as well as the tributaries.

Guy stated that out normal testing was done in June and August, however we are still waiting for the August results. The board made the decision to do additional testing for E. Coli this year since the state was not in the position to do so. Locke Lake Colony tested their two beach areas, Crescent and Dalton on June 16, 2020 where very high levels of E. Coli were found at the Crescent Beach area. This prompted our board to have additional tests completed along the Crescent Drive side of the lake, along the weir area and down North Barnstead Road. The additional testing proved that the E. Coli amounts declined significantly to below the state's standards. Locke Lake Colony did additional testing on Crescent Beach as well. The E. Coli was tested four times during the summer and the levels are within the required areas.

Guy informed the members that our lake as a whole is in better shape than the prior year. He passed out the test results for members to go over with any questions. Members requested that the results be put on our Halfmoon Lake Website which will be done. As Guy went over the chart he passed out, he explained that the most important part is the phosphorous levels which helps milfoil to grow. Samples taken in the middle of the lake show that our phosphorous levels are lower this year. Coves have higher levels, and the reasons are 1) the proximity to the road, 2) primary source is from geese and ducks who love those areas, and 3) boat access on Rte. 28 which is always high. It can get dangerous if the levels keep going up. Does not help that there were many more geese this year. Alkalinity can be high since the base of our lake is granite.

There was a Q&A where members were curious about the possibility of meeting with Locke Lake Colony board regarding the high numbers on Crescent Beach. Guy was happy to report that we did in fact meet with Locke Lake Colony officers where they were very helpful in giving ideas of how to control the geese population. In addition, they went over how they did their testing. Guy was able to explain to them the proper way to test for the best results. A couple more questions were asked and answered. Guy ended with stating that the money from our dues-paying members enable us to test the water.

Treasurer's Report: Linda went over the Financial Report broken down in detail by various items. She informed the membership that revenues were more than expenses this year since various members donated additional money above their \$20 membership fee.

One question asked was what percentage (%) of the membership pays dues. Linda stated that she believed that approximately 80% have been collected since South Shore Drive had not had their meeting yet (they collect at their meeting). She stated that we will request a donation from the Town of Alton to help with water testing again this year. In the past, they have donated \$250 per year.

Guy Leone motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and was seconded by Bill Hauser. Members voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Milfoil Update: Linda explained how we have been fortunate this year to not have any milfoil. Locke Lake Colony had the new treatment done and found that it is working so far. She announced that we have books for sale for \$5 that explain milfoil.

Loon activity update – Bill Mannion presented that this is the sixth year of the Half Moon Lake Loon Nest Project. The nest was put out in the spring and although it took a bit longer than usual, our loon couple had two chicks. During the summer one of the chicks had been attacking the other. It came to the point where Bill had to contact John Cooley, Senior Biologist at the Loon

Preservation Center for assistance. Pat and Bill Mannion were able to collect the chick (with permission from the Loon Center) and meet them in Wolfeboro to transfer the chick. Bill was happy to report that the chick is finally growing and eating well.

Good Boating Practices: John Wheeler reported that he has noticed that skiers are not using safe practices. Multiple boats with skiers have not had the proper lookouts and tubers are using two tubes at a time which can become a problem. In addition, drivers should make sure that when they are approaching a fallen skier/tuber, they should do so with the person in the water on driver side of the boat to avoid running over them.

New Business

N Barnstead Road Ramp Committee Update: Frank Bramante stated that he sent an email to Mr. Norris requesting a meeting. Mr. Norris replied, “don’t do anything until he meets with the board”. There were quite a few questions and answers from the members. The goal of the board is to have a meeting with Mr. Norris.

Linda Bramante spoke about the new road agent in Barnstead. She had the chance to speak with him the day before at the Farmers Market. He is aware of the situation with the boat ramp constantly washing out and stated that he will get to it.

It was brought up that we should have a rock removing party because the low level of the lake to help make it easier for boats to come into the ramp. There is hope that the boat ramp committee will have additional information to report at the next bi-annual meeting.

Dam Condition Update: Linda Bramante spoke about the current condition of the dam. Bill Mannion, John Wheeler, and Linda have been working on this project.

Bill talked about how the boards in the dam have not been changed for approximately twenty years and that we should consider using the drought to replace them. We must work with the NH Dams and NH DES to receive permission to do so. Regarding the lock system, Bill M. had a Rustic Shores member look at the weir’s locking device and Linda B. had a company that specializes in the locks come take a look as well.

Wake Surfing: Bill Mannion and John Wheeler spoke about two proposals that he would like our association to consider.

- 1) Bill requested that HMLA approve limits on wake boarding on Halfmoon Lake:

After much discussion, John Wheeler motioned that all wakeboarding boats, while using internal water ballast tanks and/or wake forming external gates (thereby increasing their wave heights), shall limit their use to the main body of the lake (between Proctors Point and Fernhill Beach). This was seconded by Frank Bramante. The motion was passed.

- 2) Bill requested that HMLA approve support for the State efforts to limit wake boarding:

After much discussion, Bill Mannion motioned that HMLA recommends legislative or agency rulemaking as follows:

All wakeboarding boats, while using internal water ballast tanks and/or wake forming external wake gates (thereby increasing their wave height), shall limit their use beyond 300 feet from other boats, docks, or shoreline; also, such boating activity should be prohibited beyond a 1000-foot point-to-point area as to prevent use in narrow bays and coves.

This motion was seconded by Guy Leone. The members voted, 15 – Yes, 4 – No. The motion was passed.

Donation: Linda Bramante proposed we make a couple donations this year.

- 1) Donation to NH Loon Society – Linda motioned we donate Fifty Dollars (\$50) to the NH Loon Society and was seconded by Clare Bolster. Members voted unanimously.
- 2) YMCA Camp – Nina Kelly motioned we donate Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) to YMCA Camp Mi-Te-Na and Frank Bramante seconded. Members voted unanimously. Matt Hanson from Camp Mi-Te-Na thanked us for the donation.

Elections: Bill Mannion turned the floor over to Ethel McConaghy and Bill Hauser. We were so fortunate to have a Nomination Committee this year which was chaired by Ethel. Ethel and her committee had each candidate write a bio which Ethel sent out to the membership. A request was put forward to the members at the meeting for any nominations for office. No one else came forward. The following are the list of candidates:

Nina Kelly agreed to accept the nomination of President.

Clare Bolster agreed to accept the nomination of Vice President.

Shelly Lalos agreed to accept the nomination of Secretary.

Linda Bramante agreed to accept the nomination of Treasurer.

Roger Allen motioned to accept the nominations and election of officers. The motion was seconded by Matt Hanson. The members voted unanimously

Boat Parade date/ time – The boat parade is scheduled for Saturday, September 5th with the rain date on Sunday. Meet at the YMCA Camp at sundown. We hope for your participation in the parade or as a spectator.

Date and location for 2021 July meeting: The date for the 2020 July meeting will be Saturday, July 10, 2021. The second Bi-Annual Meeting at Camp Mi-Te-Na will take place after the camp finishes for the season. Matt will have a date for us next summer.

** Linda Bramante spoke about Bill Mannion and John Wheeler leaving their respective officer positions after many years of service. Linda gave a nice speech that brought up various memories of Bill and John's good deeds and accomplishments during their tenure. Thank you, Bill Mannion and John Wheeler, for your service.

Motioned to end the membership meeting at 4:04 pm was made by Guy Leone and Frank Bramante seconded. The membership voted and accepted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Lalos, Secretary

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