

HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT
AUGUST 22, 2004

The August 22, 2004 annual meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Larry Holt in the dining hall of Camp Mi-Te-Na with over 37 members present.

Mr. Holt stated that our Lake Association meetings had recently been held on Saturdays, but as the boys' camp had only closed the day before these facilities were not available to the association until this Sunday. He noted that from the great turnout maybe the new officers elected at this meeting will chose to hold meetings on Sundays again.

The Secretary's Minutes of the July 10, 2004 meeting, written by Secretary Pro Tem Barbara Mahn, were read by Secretary Elvia Hetu. On a motion by Edward Blair, seconded by William Dugan, the members voted to accept the Secretary's Report with one correction noted by the President. Under New Business, Edna Quint was not the one requesting a hearing to operate a "Doggie Day Care Center." Mrs. Quint said that she was going to attend the hearing on the first Thursday in August and express her concern about proper disposal of dog waste.

President Holt also added that the report stated that there were no acceptances for nomination for Secretary, which was true at that time, but a few days later Debbie Fedorchak had reconsidered and agreed to be nominated for the office of Secretary, so that now there was a full slate of officers to present to this meeting.

Ed Blair asked if the results of the water testing mentioned in the Secretary's Report had been received. George Fitzpatrick stated that the results were much the same as in previous testings, and President Holt stated that a full account would be reported later in the meeting.

Treasurer Maureen Fitzpatrick reported a balance of \$6,340.89. She stated that 120 member families, including 42 from Fern Hill and 21 from South Shore Drive, had paid their dues out of 192 total members. Mr. Holt mentioned that several local area and road associations collected Half Moon Association dues from their members and sent in one check and that they often waited until September when all their members had been accounted for. He stated that Rustic Shores was one association whose check had not yet been mailed in although it was ready, and that, with more from South Shore Drive, would account for a large number of members.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion by Joseph Buckley, seconded by William Dugan.

Mr. Holt reported that the Lake's water had been tested on June 24 and July 26, and that at the last testing the first milfoil ever found in Half Moon Lake was discovered on the Locke Lake side of the dam and must have been brought in by a trailer or through the culvert. Mr. Holt stated that the State had been notified at once and investigators were sent immediately. He said that the State investigators returned a second time and their tests proved there was no milfoil in the rest of the lake, and that a lot of the milfoil which was clinging to the cement of the culvert was removed. Mr. Holt said that this is why the grate

has been installed on the culvert for which we thank Matt Morton. Mr. Holt also told about the amount of milfoil he discovered on the ramp at Lake Winnepesaukee when he took his boat out after a ride on that lake and he described the amount of work it took to thoroughly clean his boat before putting it back in Half Moon Lake.

Mr. Holt reported that there would be more testing of the water in Half Moon Lake that coming Thursday, August 26.

He reported that the Town of Alton's Conservation Commission donates \$100.00 a year to Half Moon Lake which helps to pay for our water testing.

Ed Blair reminded the members of the Lake Host Program where participants are paid an hourly wage to inspect boats going in and out of the accesses to a lake. Mr. Holt agreed that our Association should participate in the Lake Host Program sponsored by the New Hampshire Lakes Association and he urged the new officers to look into it. He stated that equipment for cleaning boats and training would be provided, as well as money to pay the hourly wage of participating members who are called "greeters."

Ed Blair and George Fitzpatrick also urged that this program be started on Half Moon Lake. The question was raised as to whether the Marine Patrol Officer cleaned his boat after each different lake he visited and Larry Holt agreed to call and ask him.

OLD BUSINESS

President Holt reported that the grating that Matt Morton had provided and he had installed at the entrance to the culvert looked as if someone had tried to remove it, but that it was still in place.

A member asked about the permanent sign which the association had voted at the July 10 meeting to pay \$50.00 for to replace the temporary one posted at the ramp stating that milfoil needs to be removed from the bottom of kayaks, jet skis, and canoes before entering the lake.

Dan Wildes reported that he had arranged for two signs to be made and wanted to clear with the members of the Association just what would be printed on the signs before having them completed. He stated that the signs would start with "Attention - STOP milfoil" and be much like a stop sign, and that the signs would cost \$50.00 each.

On a motion by Ed Blair, seconded by George Fitzpatrick, the members voted to spend up to \$100.00 for the two signs.

NEW BUSINESS

A member urged having a section on Half Moon Lake declared a "Loon Nesting Area" by the New Hampshire Loon Association out of Moultonboro. A lengthy discussion followed about the proof needed that the loons sighted on Half Moon Lake were nesting here and that it wasn't just a feeding area; who had heard the loons

during the night; where would be a good nesting place so that artificial nesting material could be placed there, etc. It was hoped a team to investigate the pair - or two pair of loons - could be procured.

The next question was how to get rid of the Canadian geese whose deposits on members' lawns are becoming exasperating. Suggestions from noise and harassment, foxes and dogs to grape juice, unsweetened Kool-aid, and repellent were given. Maureen Fitzpatrick stated that the geese are not an endangered species and that their hunting season runs from September 7 to September 26.

President Holt recognized new members to Half Moon Lake Association Joan and Gary Lee, Barbara Cipriani and Jay Morrisette, and Ann and Michael Geraci.

Maureen Fitzpatrick asked Dan Wildes if he had said he would design a new logo for the tee shirts the Association uses as a fundraiser. Mr. Wildes said that he had not, but that he would design one. Julie O'Halloran stated that she would have a couple of logo designs made and send them to Mrs. Fitzpatrick to add to those submitted to chose from.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Larry Holt read the names of the members nominated for the Association's offices and he introduced those present. Ed Blair made a motion, duly seconded, that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers presented. The vote was unanimous.

This was done electing Jon Gilbert - President, Jim Rye - Vice-President, Debbie Fedorchak - Secretary, and Linda Bramante - Treasurer.

Applause was given to the retiring officers for their years of service.

BOAT PARADE

The date of this year's Boat Parade was announced as Saturday, September 4, with a rain date of Sunday, September 5. Mr. Holt stated that the parade would begin at 8:00 p.m. and be formed at the Boys' Camp. He asked for a show of hands to see how many were planning to decorate their boats and several were.

On behalf of the Association Mr. Holt thanked Camp Mi-Te-Na for the use of the camp facilities for this meeting.

He urged everyone who would like to join those testing the water on Thursday, August 26, at 10:30 a.m., to see how it was done, to do so.

He stated that plans to prepare a members' directory and a map of the lake with each property named would be passed on to the new officers.

On a motion by Ed Blair, seconded by Dan Wildes, the members voted to adjourn at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Elvia Hetu, Secretary