

The Half Moon Lake Association's Secretary's Report
August 23rd, 2008

The second annual meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association was called to order at 9:06 AM by President Jon Gilbert at his home at 52 South Shore Drive with 15 members present.

Debbie Fedorchak read the Secretary's Minutes of the July 12th, 2008 meeting. On a motion by Roger Hatch and seconded by Frank Bramante, the members voted to accept the Secretary's Minutes as read.

The Treasurer's Report was then given by Linda Bramante who reported a beginning balance of \$7680. She has since collected \$720 in dues and spent \$865 in postage, printing, gravel, water testing, and the New Hampshire Lake Association membership fees, leaving us with an ending balance of \$7534. Linda said that in 2006, we paid \$372 for 3 water tests. In 2007, we paid \$460 for two water tests. This year, 2008, we have been billed \$360 for the first test only. Mike Akstin suggested that we approach the town to help us with the cost of testing the water. The Town of Alton sends us \$100 each year to help defray the cost of the water testing. Maureen Fitzpatrick said that she tried to get the town to help with the cost and she never got an answer from them. Mike Akstin said he would look into it.

Old Business

The loon-nesting raft was the first order of Old Business discussed. Vice President Gary Lee spoke to Biologist John Cooley from the Loon Center. Mr. Cooley does not recommend the rafts for many reasons. Their goal is to promote natural nesting areas. The raft is a last resort that the Loon Center will use in only two circumstances: 1) Shoreline predators kill off nesting loons and 2) an unstable lake high water mark continues to kill off baby loons. Please see attached sheet for further information. Ed Blair also did some research and found that it is a misdemeanor if a loon-nesting raft is placed without a permit. Much discussion followed. President Jon Gilbert will speak to the gentleman who placed the raft with the obtained information.

The next order of Old Business was the water testing. The E-Coli levels were higher than normal at Rustic Shores Beach and Crescent Beach. It was unknown if there was a porta-potty at Crescent Beach owned by Locke Lake Colony. President Jon Gilbert will get in touch with Locke Lake Colony to check and to give them a copy of the water test results.

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The issue of boating safety was brought up by President Jon Gilbert. A member was spoken to about a possible accident situation while driving a boat clockwise in the cove at a fast rate of speed. The member apologized, but stated he doesn't remember the incident at all. He countered by saying that ski boats are going too close to the docks while towing skiers.

Mike Fedorchak brought up another safety issue. Apparently there are some swimmers from Dalton Beach and Crescent Beach that are swimming across our lake without life jackets, spotters or a boat to follow them. This often occurs at dusk and they are very hard to see by passing boats. He is concerned for their safety. Jon will mention this to Locke Lake Colony officials when he speaks to them regarding the E-Coli levels at their Crescent Beach.

The next order of Old Business was the boat ramp. Roger Hatch suggested that we put gravel down twice a year, in the Spring and again in the Fall to fill the holes. Much discussion followed.

New Business

The recent death of Elvia Hetu was discussed. A vote was taken and it was decided to send a donation of \$25 to the George and Elvia Hetu Book fund at the Barnstead Elementary School and another \$25 to the St. Stephen's Outreach Fund, Pittsfield, in her memory. She was the secretary to the Half Moon Lake Association for 27 years and will be missed by all who knew her.

I, Debbie Fedorchak, brought up the last order of New Business in suggesting that if a resident on Half Moon Lake has not paid their dues and are non-members, they should be placed on a non-member list and no further mailings will be sent to them. This will save the Association \$.51 for each of the two mailings each summer for each non-member, which could result in substantial savings. Ed Blair suggested posting the meeting notices on the poles at each lakefront street to save money. At this time a bald eagle flew over the lake and much excitement ensued.

On a motion by Roger Hatch and seconded by Barbara Mahn, the members voted to adjourn at 9:56 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Fedorchak, Secretary