

BOARD MEETING MINUTES HALF MOON LAKE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
7/20/08

Meeting called to order by President Craig Johnson at 1:00 pm.

The first order of business was election of officers for the upcoming year. They are as follows:

President:	Craig Johnson
Secretary:	Sarah Sawyer
Treasurer:	Todd Hanson
Chair of Committees:	Pat McMahon
Board member at large:	Tom Lennartson
	Harlan Hegdahl
	Rick Miller

The new board set the date for next year's annual meeting and picnic for July 18, 2009. Pat will check with the fire department to see if they will bring their P.A. system for us to use at the meeting.

It was suggested the board consider allowing a concession stand to be operated at the beach with the possibility of the proceeds going to the 4th of July Fireworks fund. It is not clear at this time who would run this concession stand.

Harlan Hegdahl asked why the swim raft at the public beach had been missing for the past two years. He has located it in Milltown behind a building.

The consensus was that the 2008 annual meeting held today was well attended and went well. There were two large tents with 220 chairs and 22 eight foot tables. 165 meals served today. These numbers were adequate to seat those in attendance. Approximately 25 people came after the meeting for the meal and socialization only.

Pat McMahon regrets that there is not more time for people just to bring up miscellaneous topics to discuss and ask questions about as this is the only time of year that everyone gets together. She and Sarah would like to see some time allotted for this in future annual meetings.

Sarah commented that she thinks the abbreviated time allowed for reports this year was very beneficial and effective in holding people's interest and helping the meeting move along in a timely manner. Sarah also suggested that it would be helpful for people speaking from the floor to identify themselves.

The possibility of building two loon nests to be placed on the lake was brought up. Tom Lennartson will chair a committee to look into this with Bill Igoe.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 3rd at the Milltown Fire Hall.

Sarah Sawyer, Secretary

The following comments were made by ex-officio Chair, Sheila Waldoch. The current Chair, Craig Johnson, is adding them to these minutes so that we have a record of these good suggestions relevant to planning the 2009 Annual Meeting / Picnic.

"I read the minutes of your meeting and agree with Sarah and Pat that there should be more time for people to speak. I would like to suggest holding this part closer to the beginning of the meeting. I notice that a lot of other organizations do this. I also know that most organizations require that a person sign in, write down the topic they want to cover and then they are called upon. Or, you could ask people to contact the secretary or chair with the topics they want covered and/or talk about?

I also heard from a couple of people that we should have better direction at the begging of the event with signage of where to go to sign up and also direction of how the meeting goes. This makes me think that it would be worth it to either have printed agendas to give to everyone at the sign in AND, post on the website the reason for the meeting, guidelines for people to bring things up and an agenda so people know what will be brought up. Perhaps this coming year, we can get the newsletter out a little earlier and ask in the newsletter for subjects that could be covered? I also like that a person needs to identify themselves when they speak. Put on your agenda suggestions, to ask for new lake owners or meeting attendees to stand and we can welcome them? If you want, I will volunteer to get the welcome directional signs made since I am suggesting it. I also like putting together information posters if you want, I can do that next year but only if you ask me to.

Sue and I should get signage as well so that people understand what we are doing there. I will get this handled."