

FRIENDS OF THE JORDAN RIVER NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 26, 2006

Present: Bob MacCord, Peg Myers, Dan Myers, Chris Olds and Clarice Beckner
Absent: Dale Ackler, Rick Westerhof and Tim Smigielski

Update

Peg mentioned that a picture and article on the Friends Group appeared in the July-September 2006 issue of North Star (the magazine of the North Country Trail Association).

Baird Event

The group discussed having a presence on Wednesday evening, September 6th at the Hagerty Center. Dan presented a brochure for review. Tim is planning to get a banner. A table will be provided there and the group will use the hatchery's pop-up canopy. Peg requested pictures of volunteers working at the hatchery. She and Dan will work with Tim on a display.

Northland Sportsmen's Club Event

The same display and handouts can be used. Group will provide Gold Fish crackers in cups for the kids.

Fundraiser Race

Chris presented information on a possible fundraiser next year for the group. This would be a trail race through the area; 5K and 10K with a possible one mile loop for kids. The race would coincide with Hatchery Fest (second week in August). Chris will work with Dan throughout the year on planning the event. He also presented a DNR application for review for use of the valley for the event. His DNR contact for cutting trees, etc is Dan Jones from the Bellaire Office. Chris has also received approval to use the same waiver used by LSSU in their "Cabin Fever" 5K Run and Fitness Walk. The race could be listed on the website www.runMichigan.com for runners to see.

Chris has already started preparing a list of possible sponsors. Refreshments should be provided to the runners. Motion made by Peg to hold the race; seconded by Dan; passed all ayes.

4H Day

The group will also have a presence at this event and provide Gold Fish crackers.

Dues

Peg will check what other groups/organization are charging. North Country Trail charges \$45. Group will also discuss lifetime membership at a later date.

Treasurer's Report

Currently have \$388 in checking and \$1 in savings after donating to the Gateway Project, FOJ dues, and the 501c filing fee.

She received the book of receipts that were printed by "Step Above Copies" in Petoskey.

Miscellaneous

Bob asked Peg to check on status of John Sumner.

Bob would like to work on a list of possible projects that could be discussed at the next meeting. Clarice will gather information on area grants that are available (Rotary, Great Lakes Energy, and tribal) and deadlines.

Peg mentioned that Duane Arnott and his wife recently walked the trail and have taken a serious interest in it. Chris noted that the trail looks like it was recently cleaned and trimmed – looks nice.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Present: (in addition to those attending the Executive Committee Meeting) Rick Westerhof and Andy Pavelek

Upcoming Events

Baird Event

- hatchery – canopy, beverage coolers, napkins, small plates, and cups
 - table provided
 - display – Dan/peg
 - banner/poster – Tim
 - refreshments: iced tea, bottled water, Bob-meatballs, Peg & Dan - fish/cheese/crackers,
Clarice- salsa and chips, pans and sterno
- check on power for crock pot

Northland Sportsman Club

- same display as Baird event
- Gold Fish crackers in cups
- check on time of event (9-3)

Issues of Concern

1. Baird slip in Cheboygan - \$185,000
Tom Moorish, Ryba Marine
2. Raceway protection

Summary

Bring list of possible projects to draw interest from possible members.

No guest speaker planned for August meeting – wait until September meeting or later.

Everyone should try to ask someone to attend the next meeting and need to advertise upcoming meetings.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 30, 2006.

Meeting adjourned.