

FRIENDS OF THE JORDAN RIVER NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY
MEETING NOTES
October 25, 2006

Participants: Dale Ackler, Peg Myers, Dan Myers, Dan Sutherland, Tim Smigielski, Wendy, Wayne Talo, Jon Sumner, Rick Westerhof. Bob MacCord was absent due to a funeral.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

Donations

Received three donations

- 1. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Shuert of Cheboygan (\$50) in memory of Jack Shuert who liked to fish in our area.**
- 2. Region 3 FWS employee's donated \$60.**
- 3. \$1.00 in bottle returns from trail/road cleanup.**

Bank Fees

When our checking account balance drops below \$400.00 we pay a monthly fee of \$4.00. Bay Winds waived that fee for August, but we will have it for September. Balance is \$360.25.

The Jordan River NFH will donate \$50.00 to keep the checking account balance above \$400.00.

Trail Cleanup Update

The final trail cleanup went very well. The trail is in good shape. Participants were treated to salmon playing in the river and found new way to cross the river on logs.

Next year, Jon Sumner's scout group is growing in size. He just added 30 more scouts to assist with the trail cleanup and other projects. There are several different groups of kids that Jon works with— Cub Scouts grades 1-5; Boy Scouts – grades 6-12 and Ventures ages 13-20.

New Business

M/V Spencer F. Baird Dedication and Christening

Rick Westerhof congratulated the FOH (Bob MacCord, Liz MacCord, Dale Ackler, Peg Myers, Dan Myers and Dan Sutherland) on its wonderful presence and assistance at the Baird dedication. The group set up a table at on the pier near the Baird during the vessel rides on Thursday night. They handed out bottled water and cookies (cookies were a hit).

They also raffled off a SOG multi-tool that was won by John Christian, from the FWS Regional Office. On Friday, Peg Myers and Dan Myers attended the christening and awards ceremony.

Membership

We received Andy Pavelek's membership.

The membership fee for Senior Citizens was set at \$5.00 dollars annually. The motion passed.

Several people have expressed interest in becoming members so Rick and Wendy will do a mini membership drive in the next few weeks. Best day would be a Friday.

Traverse City Outdoor Expo

The Expo is March 16-18, 2007. The group decided to share a booth with the hatchery and use it for a membership drive. The hatchery will pay for the booth and provide staffing and materials. The FOH will provide staffing, explain their mission and sign up new members.

Fish R Fun

Tim Smigielski requested assistance from the FOH for staffing, snacks and topic ideas for the three Fish R Fun programs. The dates are January 23, February 27 and March 27. The following ideas were discussed: fish habitat enhancement/fish passage projects; tie dye fish t-shirt; fly fishing/fly tying; fish techniques and safe snowmobiling presentation in conjunction with the East Jordan Snowmobiling Club. The January 23 topic will be "Ice Fishing Nite" with potential help from Dan Myers presenting ice fishing for crappie and blue gills.

Logo

The group discussed several options for the logo design. They included a contest or having a local graphic artist design one. The graphic artist has donated his time to design the logo. The group decided to drop the contest idea and go with the graphic artist. Logo ideas should be sent to Peg Myers.

Web Page

Please check out the web page that Wayne Talo has been developing for the FOH. Wayne has done a great job posting meeting notes, activities (with pictures) and notices. Additional links to other websites will be added to the FOH page. These sites include Volunteer.gov, Friends of the Jordan, and North Country Trail. Peg Myers also passed out information to access the FOH email on Yahoo. If you would like more information, contact Peg Myers.

Future Projects

The hatchery discussed several projects that the FOH could help with. They included Fish R Fun, Traverse City Expo, T-21 road upgrades, Cheboygan River Front projects (home port for the Baird), procure raffle items for kids events, Charge the Hill (FWS goes to Washington DC to brief congressionals on our accomplishments and future projects) February 26-March 2, 2007, implementing the new Volunteer Act for hatcheries, and grant writing. Clarice Beckner just attended training on writing grants, so we could use her expertise.

The group discussed potential volunteer projects that FOH members could participate in, which include spawning broodstock at Pendills Creek or Iron River NFH (September – October), putting eggs away at Jordan River NFH (November – January), going on fish distribution runs (April – June) and riding the M/V Baird (April – November).

Next Meeting

The next meeting is December 6 at 7:00 pm at the hatchery. The November meeting has been moved to December as most people will be deer hunting. It was suggested to eliminate the separate board members meeting at 6:00 pm and hold just one meeting at 7:00 pm.

Items for Next Meeting

1. Discussion on Venture Scouts and potential projects – Jon Sumner
2. Discussion/decision on Traverse City Expo – staffing the booth
3. Discussion/decision on Fish R Fun – snacks and staffing
4. Potential presentation on grant writing techniques – Clarice Beckner