

SPORTING CHANCE MINUTES

June 6, 2006

Present: Harland Fawcett, Steve & Diana Piper, Dan Avard, Bob Gibbons, Robert Looyenga, Bernie & Connie Magilke, Ray & Kathy Barchenger, Brian Burlingame, Danny Mazieka, Elaine & Damian Mazieka, J R Kasper

REGULAR MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER

President Steve Piper brought the regular meeting to order.

Minutes from last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Harland reported on membership for 2006: 9 family, 2 single and one sponsor memberships.

Connie read the letter she drafted to go to past members inviting them back into the club. The draft was approved by the group. Connie suggested that the club logo be put on the letterhead. Dan Avard will send the logo to Connie so she can add it to the letter. A request was also made to send the letter to: Great Plains, Med Equip, Hangar, Freedom Resources Center – Scott Burlingame, 2701 9th Ave SW, Fargo ND – Fax: 701-478-0510 – Phone 701-478-0459 or 800-450-????

Connie will fine tune the letter and send it to Dan A. to have the Sporting Chance Logo put on and sent out.

OLD BUSINESS

Fishing Event:

The Fishing Event took place on June 3, 2006 at

Participants – 35

Boats – 8

Pontoon – 1

Volunteers – 55

About 20-25 individuals showed up who were not registered, mostly these were from the Group Homes. This caused some problems with getting everyone on a boat and resulted in quite a few people having to wait until boats returned for a second load.

SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT:

1. **Start planning EARLY!** - January is not too early to start planning. Damian Mazieka is in charge of reserving the shelter at Sugar Loaf Recreational Area for next year. He will contact them on January 3, 2006.
2. Kathy Barchinger suggested that since we cannot discriminate against those who just want to come for recreation and not necessarily participate in the fishing, we should designate those different levels of participation by using colored pins/name tags, i.e., orange for recreation only, green for fishing, red for pontoon ride, blue for shore fishing, etc.

3. Make sure boat owners check in as they return. This is a **MUST**, as we need to know who has returned and who is still out on the river in case of an emergency. We need better records of who is in what boat and when it returns. (Evidently some of the boats returned, dropped off their participants and left the area.)
4. Name tags: we need to have name tags for everyone, including volunteers, boat owners, etc. Kathy's suggestion of different colors to differentiate participants from care givers, volunteers, etc. could be done in the name tags.
5. Saturday morning breakfast for the club only must be relocated into the camper or elsewhere. Too many participants assumed the rolls, coffee, etc. was for them.
6. More coolers are needed, especially smaller one for carrying bait, drinks, etc. for participants and caregivers on the boats and pontoons. Also for left-over food from lunch, i.e., cooked brats, hamburgers, salads, etc. Club members should be asked to bring extra coolers if they have them. Be sure they are marked with your name.
7. Our new tables are awesome, but we need chairs. Greg and Margaret saved the day by running into town for chairs. Because our participants are disabled and some cannot stand for very long, we need to accommodate them by at least having a place for them to sit.
8. Invitations to prospective participants must go out early. The **RELEASE / REGISTRATION** form should be included to be copied if more is needed. The **RELEASE / REGISTRATION** form **MUST** be returned to Sporting Chance before the event (a deadline should be indicated in the letter). Only pre-registered individuals will be allowed to participate. All others will be allowed to participate only after all registered participants have had their chance.
9. We should try to have a "give-away" for each participant and boat owner. Dan and JR will work on getting sponsors for such things as caps, T-shirts, mugs, etc.
10. A letter should go to the Group Homes stating that we need to know how many individuals are attending from their Group Home and how many caregivers will be attending the individuals they will be bringing. Some individuals require a caregiver to remain with them one-on-one. Please see that at least one caregiver / staff person will be available for the other residents.
11. Connie says the club should invest in a new, larger coffee pot that will actually perk the coffee the old fashion way since she is not allowed to run her generator in her Mini-Home to electrically brew the **EARLY** morning coffee.
12. Suggestion to invite Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts to act as volunteers at the next fishing event or any other event we may hold. They need to earn badges for various activities and are looking for ways to earn the badges. Contact persons for these two organizations are Boy Scouts: Scott Kautzman and Girl Scouts: Deanna Krueger.
13. Most of the participants were not satisfied with just having water. Elaine Mazieka suggested that we use the large 3 or 5 gallon water cooler and make Koolaid or Crystal Light (or other sugar free drinks).
14. Mark the boats that are transporting Sporting Chance Fishing Event participants.

These are a few of the suggestions that were made for those planning and doing the event for next year.

Other Old Business

Ray reported that all hours volunteering for the Sporting Chance events should be logged because they can be turned into Game and Fish to determine ??????

Shelves for Storage Unit

Steve and Damian will work on getting the storage unit cleaned out so the new shelves can be installed. The shelves from Econ Foods (Miracle Mart) are free standing and are 12 feet long (three 4-foot sections). Shelving is at Bob's.

McQuade Tournament

June 24 & 25 – Sign up sheet was routed for volunteers to sell T-shirts at the Tournament.

Pontoon – Bob will adjust the carburator.

NEW BUSINESS

Rifle deer hunting applications are due June 7 by 12:00 midnight. Licenses can be obtained on line.

Water Ski Event

Lake Isabelle June 16, 17, 2006. Carl Anderson is the contact person. He invited Sporting Chance to next meeting. Steve will attend or get someone to go if we are still interested.

Robert made motion to adjourn. Kathy seconded motion.

Next meeting at Connie and Bernie's on July 11, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie L. Magilke
Secretary