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TAHA EXECUTIVE MEETING

Wednesday February 29, 2012, 5:30 P.M. @ MTO

Meeting Chaired by: Richard Mongeon

Present: R. Mongeon, G. Paquette, P. Sword, K. Daxton, C. Reynolds, D. Chenier, J. Gregoire

Regrets: R. Gregoire

1. Review Previous Minutes:

A motion was set forward to accept the January 29th executive minutes as presented.

Motioned by: Dave Chenier

Seconded by: Gerry Paquette

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2. CFWIP:

Three applications in for this season. One for investigating Barter Lake for spawning sites for trout (\$1000). Second site access for fishing at Spring Lake (\$1500). Third for the youth water fowl hunt (\$1500).

Completed construction of duck boxes. Need to put them up in the next couple weeks. Got rods donated by Boart Longyear.

Action: Richard will get a hold of Shawn to get the boxes installed.

3. WCC Review:

This year we will break even. Picked up two members that evening. A number of people were very interested. It is suggested that we look into opening it to the public. The guest speaker Bruce Murphy did a good job with the presentation. Having a speaker helped keep people there for the evening. Having a beef sauce was a good idea since not everyone enjoys wild meat.

Thinking of revisiting the menu since we've had two years spaghetti. We could have several different meats available for the super (fish, deer roast, moose, caribou...)

Curtis mentioned that we could approach the chefs from different restaurants, provide a wild meat to each and have them prepare a dish for the chef challenge.

Pete Gilboe had mentioned to an executive member that we could perhaps affiliate with Ducks Unlimited or the Marsh to hold this event.

The businesses present really enjoyed the event and would like to come back with displays.

4. Blanche River saga:

Will TAHA support the closing of the Blanche River?

A comment received from a member of the public was if we close Blanche River, they will move to other lakes that may be suffering even more.

Blanche River is in Zone 8 which is part of Kirkland Lake and they are opposed in closing Blanch River.

It's been discussed for a number of years. Several options have been visited but until Kirkland Lake is on board no changes will be made.

Pete expressed that at this time we should be more concerned with the phosphorous levels in lake and trying to get that controlled because this is what damages lakes.

We need to know what all members think about this ordeal. We should have the members vote.

5. FMZ 11 Update:

Had a meeting this past Saturday, they are looking at having a public meeting. Been talking about lake trout up until now. They are saying that the lakes are in trouble. Talk about shortening the season some more, cutting out the month of September.

6. Paypal Charges:

Concern was raised about the fees paypal charges for the service. Wondering if the club will absorb the cost. Members of the executive agreed that we should absorb the costs for this service offered to members.

7. FWAC Meeting:

Last meeting was cancelled. Upcoming meeting on March 6th. Meeting mostly about moose.

8. GPS 101:

Look at holding it during the first 2 weeks of April.

9. Pete's Ice Fishing Day:

Since there are only two weekends left and not all of members attend, Pete will not be holding this ice fishing day.

10. What's your beef lately?:

During our regular monthly meeting when we don't have a guest speaker. Bring up a controversial topic and get peoples input.

11. Other Items:

- Discussion took place about the OFAH membership increase of \$2.00. Executives will look into possibly increasing the TAHA membership as well.

Action: Kent will look at what the price is to join OFAH only.

- Dave is looking at getting a date at the end of March for the morning chat.
- Looking at possibly giving an incentive to attend the conference. Need to figure out how to determine who gets to go. Looking at making it an incentive for bringing in members, you get one entry per new members you referred.
- Thinking of possibly having a speaker for wilderness first aid.

Action: Dick will try to contact someone to come and give tips on wilderness first aid. A few names were suggested: Gerry McGarry, Thomas McLean, Andy Bishop. Curtis will try to get into contact with Thomas McLean. Kent will speak to Gerry McGarry.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Next meeting tentative for Wednesday, March 21st.