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TAHA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday January 11, 2012, 7:00 P.M. @ TDSS
Meeting chaired by Richard Mongeon

Members Present: 52 members

1. FMZ 11 & 12 Update:

Kent handed out a fact sheet on lake trout fisheries management in zone 11.

Don Chartrand gave a brief update on FMZ 12 he handed out a list of questions to members to review and give their opinion on the questions.

The information which was handed is made available through the TAHA executive.

2. Wild Chef Challenge:

An invitation along with a copy of the rules for the Wild Chef Challenge was handed out to everyone present.

3. Guest speaker Const. Andy Bishop

Constable Andy Bishop currently works with the local S.A.V.E. Unit. He revised snowmobiling safety when riding on the ice and basic rules when using the OFSC trails. He then reviewed ATV laws.

Snowmobiling on frozen bodies of water:

- Always be prepared when heading out on frozen bodies of water
- Always remember that ice conditions vary from one location to another and are not always safe.

- It is a good idea to wear a buoyant floatation suite, to carry ice picks and to have a survival plan.
- Keep a small survival kit in your pocket.
- It is a good idea to travel in pairs. Always tell someone where you are going and what time you are expected back.

Snowmobiling on OFSC trails

- When the OPP are monitoring OFSC trails their main focus is on speed and sobriety.
- If you are caught impaired you could lose your drivers licence for 1 year, it is the same as though you were driving a car.
- Maximum speed on OFSC trails is 50km/h or lower as indicated.
- Maximum speed on municipal streets where it is 50km/h for cars, it is 20km/h for snowmobiles.
- If you are on the lake but not directly on the OFSC trail you can still be charged for speeding or careless if caught rushing by.
- You must always wear a helmet and ensure it is properly tied. If you do not tie your helmet, you could get fined \$110, the same as not wearing a helmet.
- You must always have an OFSC trail pass in order to use the trails, they may be used to get to your fishing location if you use the closest access to your shack.
- Your validation sticker should be located on the left side of your machine by the numbers.
- You must be able to provide ownership, insurance and your licence at all times.

ATVs

- In Temiskaming Shores you can't ride on major roads. (Contact City Hall for a copy of the by-law. By-law is also available on the City's website.)
- Definition of an ATV under the law: must have only 4 wheels in contact with the ground at all times, must be built for only one driver, must be steered by handle bars. If your off road vehicle does not meet all three criteria, it is not an ATV and therefore can not be driven on roadways.
- Only qualified ATVs can be ridden on roadways as per the law. The only exception to this rule is for trappers, farmers or public works workers when going to their business location.
- Riding along hwy 11 is not permitted.
- The government is currently looking at changing the definition of an ATV to include two ups and side by sides. This is on in the drafting stage.
- Side by sides and two ups can be driven on trails but not on roadways.
- When riding must ensure you wear a helmet at all times.
- A roadway is the same as a highway, an access road or any roadway if the public is invited to travel on it in another type of vehicle such as a truck or car. The only time it is not considered a roadway is if the access road is located in an unorganized township and is maintained by someone other than the ministry.

- If you get caught driving your off road vehicle where not permitted, you will be fined \$110.
- If you get fined, it will show on your MVR for your insurance.
- At the age of 12 a child can venture on their own in trails only but the off road vehicle must be insured. If on a roadway, must be at least 16 years of age and must have a valid drivers licence.
- For more information visit: ontario.ca/atv

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Next meeting: February 3rd, 2012 at 6pm (during the Wild Chef Challenge)