

## Loudon Recreation Fishing Derby Committee Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2011

In Attendance: Alicia Grimaldi, Mark Brogan, Robert Kowalszyk and Chris Koufos

The Fishing Derby will be held in conjunction with Winter Carnival – a weekend of winter fun for Loudon residents. The Fishing Derby will be held the day after Winter Carnival, on Sunday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. The inclement weather date will be the following Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be held from 9-2.

It was determined it will be an Official Fishing Derby, which requires registration. At an official Fishing Derby you are not allowed to catch bass. If caught they are required to be released immediately. Also, Mark Brogan discussed licensing with Fish and Game. If you are 16 or older, you will need a fishing license. This will be included on the Fishing Derby Flyers. Because Mark is an instructor of the “Let’s Go Fishing Program, “ Fish and Game will provided him necessary equipment for the day of the event.

Pond options to hold the Fishing Derby included –

\*Crooked Pond – pickerel, bass – Mike spoke with Dave Rice who will push back snow on road if this spot is chosen. Mike will talk with local resident to see if they would accommodate parking for the event

Hoyt Pond – Concord, parking limited

Clough Pond-unable because it’s a trout pond

Hot Hole Pond -unable because it’s a trout pond

\*Sanborn Pond-Alicia spoke with Colin Cabot and David Ladd regarding access to the pond. Colin Cabot will allow parking on the property. Alicia is researching the Granite State Draftsman club who could provide access to the pond with their horses and sleigh. The walk in is approx 500 meters. This committee will do a walk of the property on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

Turtle Pond – Concord, Kris spoke with Concord and this is Fish and Games jurisdiction. Alicia spoke with Fish and Game who will not plow this area in the Winter, so parking would be an issue.

Rocky Pond- bass, off 106, Harmony Lane, Mark contacted the private association who is in charge of this pond. It is a private road therefore parking would affect residents on this road.

Speedway Pond – bass, Alicia spoke with John Zudell who thought this would be a great idea. He referred her to Mark Bochain of Fishing Game who did not think this would be an ideal pond, except it would have plenty of access for parking. The fish in the pond are bass and trout, which would prove to be a slow derby.

The committee is looking at Crooked Pond and Sanborn Pond as options for the Fishing Derby. Mike Souther to check in with residents at Crooked Pond to see if they would provide an area for parking. The Committee will do a walk of Sanborn Pond on 11/26 at 8am to determine if Sanborn Pond would accommodate the Fishing Derby.

The Fire Department will provide a safety clinic the day of the derby and Kris Koufos and Mark Brogran will provide a beginners clinic.

Categories for prizes include a drawing for the number of fish caught, the longest pickerel, and a hand held ice auger competition.

Pre-registration will be required though people can register the day of the event – this will help us gauge the numbers of food needed as well as volunteers and parking.

Registration form to include Name, address, phone, email, # of people registering. We will note what time the beginner class will start, as well as the start time for ice auger competition, and safety clinic. It will also state that all participants need to bring own gear and equipment will be provided for the beginners clinic. A \$5 donation per family is suggested to go to the Loudon Recreation Committee for future programming. An email address will be required, so people can receive updates the day before event for updates on ice conditions. Also noted, should be official rules which need to be determined.

Food will be served by Scout Troop 30. Loudon Recreation to purchase food. The troop will prep and cook. Donations will go to benefit the Scout Troop 30 and 247.

Scout Troop 247 will also assist with verification of length of fish with measuring tapes and providing tickets when participants catch a fish. Kris will also have the troops come up with a list of necessary items for the day, ie orange vests, trash cans, items needed for cooking, etc.

Mike to complete Fish and Game's application for permit to conduct an official fishing derby. Alicia will submit to town for payment.

Alicia will secure porta potty's with Jean Lee, Town Clerk. It was suggested to have 3, one being designated for women and handicapped accessible.

Discussed possible prizes to include \$,, gift cards, fishing gear such as tip ups, ice crampons, gloves, heat seats, jig sticks, and hats. Committee members will contact businesses to see if they would be interested in providing a donation. Businesses mentioned were Brookside, Dick's, Wal-Mart, Barn Store in Salisbury, The Marriot, NHMS, and Abundant Life. Mike Souther will check with the BeanStalk to see if they have bait available and will donate to the Fishing Derby.

Alicia Grimaldi will contact NHMS to see if they would be interested in donating prizes. Mark Brogran will check to see what the protocol for getting donations from Walmart. Robert Kowalsyk will check with Cinemagic and WildLife Taxidermy to see if they would be interested in donating prizes.

Our next meeting will be held on December 15, 2011 at 7pm at the Maxfield Public Library.

