

## Loudon Recreation Fishing Derby Committee Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2011

In Attendance: Mike Souther, Alicia Grimaldi, Mark Brogan, and Chris Koufos

Kris Roy expressed an interest in attending the meeting, but was unable to attend. Michael Harris also expressed an interest in aiding with articles for the Loudon Ledger/ advertising and assisting with ice safety education the day of the Fishing Derby.

We reviewed Fishing Derby surveys. The Loudon Rec Committee will put out more surveys at the upcoming Loudon Farm Feast.

It was decided 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.

Pond options to hold the Fishing Derby included –

Crooked Pond – pickerel, bass – Mike will look at, parking is an issue

Hoyt Pond – Concord

Clough Pond-unable because it's a trout pond

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

Sanborn Pond-no access

Turtle Pond – Concord, Kris will contact Concord

Rocky Pond- bass, off 106, Harmony Lane, Mark will check out access and parking

Speedway Pond – bass, Alicia to contact the track to see if this would be an option

Parking is an issue for all of the ponds. Michael Harris suggested having a shuttle to a pond. The committee would like to look at options for more parking as some people will want to bring their equipment, etc

Road agent, Dave Rice suggested having a check in at the Loudon Rec Field and people could access ponds independently. The committee again would like to look at options for parking because having everyone gather for the Derby is part of the fun!

It was suggested to have a fire during the event. Fire cannot be on ice, so Chris suggested he could make a stand to put fire barrels on. Loudon Recreation has fire barrels that we can use. It would be fun to roast marshmallows and have hot chocolate.

Other ideas suggested for the day were an ice safety clinic and a rescue depending on thickness of ice presented by the fire department. Also a clinic for beginners, which would provide education on how to use tips up, type of bait to use for type of fish and equipment would be provided.

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

Mark will talk to Fish and Game to inquire where this is an Official Fishing Derby does that mean it is sanctioned by Fish and Game therefore a license is not required?

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 Food Pantry. It could also be noted on this form to check email prior to the 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.

Scout Troop 247 will also assist with verification of length of fish with measuring tapes and providing tickets when participants catch a fish

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

Mike to ask the Beanstalk for a donation of bait for the derby. Participants will need to supply their own bait.

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.

The day of the event there will be a check in table where participants will receive a registration number.

Our next meeting will be held on November 17, 2011 at 7pm at the Maxfield Public Library.