

## **August 27, 2011 - 4 Seasons Recreational Club Monthly Meeting**

Jon introduced and welcomed Mark and Michelle Johnson, new owners of the Chipmunk.

Secretary's Report – Charles would like the minutes from the July meeting to clarify that, if the club decided to rotate the meat raffle, the club would assume all responsibilities including purchasing the meat, handling the money, selling tickets, etc, which is currently being done by the Chipmunk. The minutes were approved with the amendment on a Dennis/Mark motion.

Treasurer's Report was approved as read on a Dennis/Mark motion.

### **Old Business**

- Mark reported that trails are in good condition. Charles announced that Governor Walker declared a disaster emergency for the area as a result of the summer storms. In the past, clubs qualified for assistance. Mark has applied for assistance with the County. We also need to talk to landowners about moving the trail between Marshall Road and Crystal Lake Road.
- Last spring, Bob closed a portion of the trail going through the Chipmunk campground and rerouted it to Chipmunk Hollow Road. The town has an easement to build the road on Chipmunk property. Lance Burns, conservation officer, visited the Chipmunk and advised Bob that a concerned citizen had reported the trail was moved and that the trail could not be on the road unless approved by the Town. Bob was disappointed that no one spoke to him directly before reporting it. Jon advised that he needs to have a petition signed and make formal request to the Town in the spring.
- Bob had a customer comment that they were very happy with trail conditions. As a result, David & Karen Grandstrand made a generous donation to the club for the extra cleanup from the storms.
- The PA system was not working properly, so it may have to be returned for repair/replacement before Food and Fun.
- Jon talked to the Town Board about maintenance at the ballpark. Greg Jensen, Town Chair, said they would be happy to work with the club to accomplish this. The club will need to make a list of things that need to be done. Jon will be sure the ball park will be mowed before Food and Fun and pump the biffies. Patti & Charles have been painting signs and will be improving lettering on the ball park signs.
- There has been some discussion about rotating the meat raffle among the businesses that are actively supporting the club. Bob explained that the Chipmunk started the meat raffle in 2001 for the fire department. As interest from the fire department deteriorated, he approached the 4 Seasons Rec Club to be the beneficiary of the meat raffle with the understanding that the members of the club would volunteer to sell tickets. The Chipmunk has donated over \$37,500 over the past 7 years from the meat raffle and pull tabs. Due to the changes at the town board a couple of years ago, the club purchased the raffle license to avoid any potential problems. The meat raffle

has never been advertised as benefit for the 4 Seasons Rec Club, however with the purchase of the tractor, the Chipmunk made a commitment to continue to donate the proceeds to the club. Bob has discussed this with the new owners of the Chipmunk and they intend to continue to have a meat raffle on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month. If the club wants to have a meat raffle elsewhere, they will find another benefactor.

- Michelle took a moment to explain that they are committed to supporting the organization and the work that we do to maintain the trails. She also explained that, as a new owner, they feel they are under scrutiny from the community and don't want to be changing things that they feel are important to their future success. They want to continue to work with the club and other business owners.
- Charles also wanted to clarify that it was not his intent to take the meat raffle away from the Chipmunk. Over the years, he has heard several other business owners that support the club express an interest in hosting the meat raffle. He just felt that with the change, this would be an opportune time to open a discussion. Dick made a motion to continue to support the meat raffle at the Chipmunk and revisit it in a year. The motion was seconded by Chuck and passed by a unanimous vote.

### **New Business**

- Jon asked for nominations for Secretary and Treasurer. No nominations.
- Someone called Jon and offered a free band for Food and Fun. Members felt a band may conflict with announcing door prizes and contest winners.
- Jack and Jean suggested having a car show in conjunction with Food and Fun to attract a new group of people. Everyone thought it was a good idea. Jack and Jean will work out details for next years event.
- Mark distributed a list of AWSC payments for Douglas County clubs for 2010-2011.
- Debbie received the pre-buy offer from Como. Jon will talk to them about pricing. Charles explained that the town gets bides each year and that is what he used in the past to negotiate price. Our tank is currently at 30%. Jon will negotiate a 600 gal pre-buy which is what we did last year. Dick asked Como for door prizes for Food and Fun and they offer 50 gallons of fuel, however the recipient would need to be a Como customer.
- Mark Johnson presented a \$337 donation to the club which was the profits from the last meat raffle.
- Jon will have dumpsters and biffies delivered. He will be ordering 125lbs of beef. If anyone else wants to order, let him know by Monday. Charles will pick up the trailer and some door prizes on Thursday.
- Mary has 2 golf passes donated by Gordon Pines Golf club and will get another prize of a one night stay from Super Lodge in Ashland. The Adirondak chairs have been donated and suggested for raffle on a \$5 board.

- Debbie has put an ad in the Northwoods Shopper next week. Patti has a check from the town for Rides. Need more door prizes. Mikki will be doing the cake walk. They will be baking cakes at Crystal Lake Bar this week.
- We have enough prizes for raffle boards, but need more door prizes. Set up is at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend as more volunteers are needed.

Meeting adjourned on a Charles/Dennis motion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Doris Youngquist*