

**Quality of Life
Accessibility Advisory Council (AAC) Minutes
Tuesday, December 11, 2012**

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Manufactured Housing, Recreation Vehicles & Campground Association
2222 Association Drive, Okemos MI 48864-5978

Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors – Rick Briggs

AAC Members: John Witzke, Jonathan Edgerly, Kimberly Woolridge, Bill Sheffer, Vendella Collins, Scott Norris, Rick Briggs, Al Bobrofsky, Cindy Burkhour, Tom Fracis (for Ann Conklin), Daryl Domke, Amy Trotter, Sara Peura via conference call, Carolyn Grawi via conference call.

A-Team Members: Mike Evanoff, Joe Frick, Lt. Creig Grey, Greg Andrews, Jule Stafford, Deb Stolecki (for Fran Ryan), Lynne Thoma, Erica Moore.

Guests: Nancy Bell and Scott Fletcher

Minutes Acceptance – Rick Briggs

June and September minutes were accepted.

2013 Meeting Dates

The 2013 meeting dates were approved for Tuesday, March 26; Tuesday, June 25; Tuesday, September 24; and December 10. All meetings are scheduled for 10 am – 2 pm. Erica will post the new dates on the internet.

Demo Day – Daryl Domke

Daryl reported he has received donated booth space for the Ultimate Sport Show in Grand Rapids, March 21-24, 2013. He is working with vendors to come and display their adaptive equipment.

Wheelchair Rodeo – Daryl Domke

Daryl attended the wheelchair rodeo sponsored by the Easter Seals. The event was held in Lowell, MI and Daryl said there was a good turnout with many different types of adaptive wheelchairs showcased.

Wildlife Proposals – Lt. Creig Grey

Lt. Grey presented four proposals to change Wildlife regulations for the fall 2013 hunting season. The approved recommendations will be presented at the January 10, 2013, NRC meeting.

Veteran with Disabilities Hunting Regulations

The proposed changes will clean up the language to have consistency between both hunts. The group agreed to the recommendation that was provided by Lt. Grey.

Use of Ground Blinds on Public Land by Hunters with Disabilities

It was recommended that the NRC modify the rules for portable ground blinds so that they are consistent with elevated hunting platforms in the timing of placement and consistency among zones for hunters of all abilities. Al Bobrofsky made a motion to approve the recommendation and Amy Trotter seconded it. There were no nays and it was approved by all. The group thought this was a good idea and should be similar to the placement and removal of ice shanties.

Special Disabled Firearm Hunt – Extending the end date for the Qualifying Hunters for Specific Reasons

Based on discussion during the meeting it was decided that this proposal be tabled until more data was received on how many people would be effected by this recommendation. It was also suggested to survey the hunters that participated in the October hunt.

Hunt from a Standing Vehicle Permit Issuance

There was discussion on the proposal and a motion was made by Jonathan Edgerly to change the issuances of this permit from CO's to doctors or physical therapist or occupational therapist or recreational therapist. The motion was seconded by Al Bobrofsky and there were no nays and it was approved by all. It was also decided that CO's could authorize and issue a temporary permit for one season when necessary.

Cindy Burkhour made a motion that the process for this permit allow for a permanent permit or a 5 year permit. The motion was seconded by Amy Trotter and there were no nays and it was approved by all.

Legislative Update – Lt. Creig Grey

Lt. Grey gave an update on several bills that have been introduced in the legislature, they include HB 5322, HB 5292, SBs 1261-1265, SB 1340, and SB 1341. A handout was provided at the meeting with the details.

AAC Membership Review - Joseph Frick

Joe will send a note to everyone on the status of their terms and whether or not they want to renew them. Voting for a new chair and vice chair will be done at the March 2013 meeting.

Rick Briggs asked the group to bring a list of goals for 2013 to the next meeting.

Greg Andrews asked the group to review the Accessibility Strategic Plan to offer potential updates to be discussed at the next meeting.

Department Actions Update – Joseph Frick

Trust Fund grants have been issued.