

**Quality of Life
Accessibility Advisory Council (AAC) Minutes
Tuesday, September 25, 2012**

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors – Bill Sheffer

Present were Michelle Ann Mull, Jim Trinklein, John Witzke, John Edgerly, Kimberly Woolridge, Bill Sheffer, Duncan Wyeth.

Guests were Terri Trinklein and Nancy Bell.

A-Team members present were Mike Evanoff, Joe Frick, Creig Grey, Stacy Welling and Greg Andrews via conference call, Jule Stafford, Vicki Brown, Fran Ryan, Lynne Thoma, Erica Moore, Pat Lawton.

Minutes Acceptance – Bill Sheffer

There was not a quorum present so the acceptance of the June minutes was tabled until the December meeting.

Group Photo – Bill Sheffer

The group photo was canceled due to low attendance of AAC members at the meeting.

Demo Day – Erica Moore for Daryl Dompke

Erica reported that Daryl is working on coordinating booth space at the Ultimate Sport Show in Grand Rapids in March 2013. He is contacting past vendors and new vendors to get them registered to attend. He is also keeping in contact with Janet Canode from the DNR Marketing and Outreach Division on the DNR show schedules. Duncan reported that the Demmer Center will be having a demo shooting event on Saturday, October 20 from 1-3:30 for dwarf athletes. The World Dwarf Games in August 2013 is looking for crossbow donations for the games and any donations will remain at the Demmer Center after the games for the public to use.

Legislative Update – Lt. Creig Grey

Lt. Grey gave an update on Public Act 246 of 2012 (SB 1045) for hunting on game preserves for people with disabilities, HB 5292 free fishing and hunting licenses for disabled veterans and HB 5322 transportation of firearms at sporting clay ranges. A handout was provided at the meeting with the details.

Mentored Hunting – Dennis Fox

Dennis Fox from the DNR Marketing and Outreach Division gave a presentation on the mentored hunting program.

Fort Custer Hunt – Jonathan Edgerly

Jonathan gave a presentation on the upcoming accessible hunt at Fort Custer October 19-21. They have 45 wheelchair accessible blinds for their 7000 acres to hunt. Jonathan brought up the fact that for the October hunt hunters can only take antlered deer and for the early September hunt hunters can use a combination license and take an antlered or antlerless deer. He would like the language changed for the October hunt to match that of the early September hunt. Lt. Grey said the AAC can make a recommendation to the NRC for that change. The change should be submitted by April for the changes to be approved for the fall 2013 hunting season. Lt. Grey, Jonathan and Vicki Brown will work on these changes. Stacy Welling brought up the possibilities of a waiver permit for those that can't make the special hunt in October. The permit would allow them to hunt at another time in October. Stacy and Lt. Grey will look into this possibility.

Accessible Hunting Opportunities - Lt. Creig Grey

Lt. Grey gave a brief update on accessible hunting opportunities throughout the state. Send any accessible hunts to Erica Moore (mooree@michigan.gov) to post on the DNR accessibility hunting web page.

Playgrounds and Rubber Chips

Duncan said in the southern states such as Florida they have warning signs posted that say the rubber chips and rubber mats can get hot and cause burns. Mike did some research and found that most fires at playgrounds are caused by an accelerant. Mike reported that Parks and Recreation Division is going to have one person per district certified in playground safety inspections.

Recreation Passport Update – Mike Evanoff

Mike reported that 27.3% people bought the recreation passport in August.

Parks and Recreation Internal Project Review – Mike Evanoff

Mike gave a presentation on the internal project review process for Parks and Recreation and showed the group the database that they use and where they can note specific accessibility concerns.

Department Actions Update – Joseph Frick

Joe informed the group that our new director is Keith Creagh. Kelly Grumelot will be retiring from the DNR and Greg Andrews will be taking her place as the ADA coordinator. Greg's office is located in Marquette. Joe reported that the retail sales system (RSS) is sending out a survey to people that purchased licenses at discounted rates on-line to meet the requirements of an audit finding.

Public Comment (I) – Joseph Frick

John reported that MUCC has a youth camp at Clear Lake and needs assistants in making it accessible.