

MONTHLY MEETING TOPICS -

Board Meetings have covered a variety of topics this summer. To catch you up:

Fishing Tournament: Date of event has always been the Saturday after Memorial Day. This year falls into May. Board wonders if they should host 2008.

Annual Dinner: Bids to local restaurants and caterers for hosting. Bids due 9/18/07.

Old Fashioned Christmas: Will the chamber sponsor this year? Still up in the air.

Golf Tournament: Event Chair substituted, attendance down 9 teams, possibility of moving tournament into June. No decision made yet.

Wild Rice Days: Meeting 9/19/07. Lots of changes need to be made for 2008 to happen. Make a point to attend if you think Wild Rice Days is a vital event to the McGregor Area.

501(c)6 application to be filed.

July Membership Meeting for 2nd quarter cancelled per board decision. Summer meetings are rarely attended.

McGregor Travel Map: Board has not discussed. Create for 2008? Bid out project? Pre-buy options? Will be discussed at Sept. meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

3rd Qtr Membership Meeting October TBA

Afternoon or Evening Meeting? Any suggestions?

Committee meetings to start soon!

Will meet monthly for each event.

*Attend a meeting and
make your voice heard.*

OFFICE NEWS: Wow, what a summer!

The tourist center was a hopping place and I'm glad I was able to serve the Chamber by being on site from May until October. It's a great resource for getting our information to visitors!

WILD RICE DAYS:

Event Wrap-Up Meeting

Wednesday September 19, 2007 @ 5:00 pm

Fireside Inn ~ Gazebo Room

The future of Wild Rice Days is bleak. Please attend this meeting to see what you can do to lend a hand. The event is getting far too large for one person to handle alone. We have 3 options. 1) The Chamber Members band together and form solid committees. 2) Other local organizations assist by taking on a WRD activity. 3) The Chamber hands over control to an outside planning agency.

We hope you attend and share your input!

2008 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

Memberships renewed by February 1, 2008 will receive a \$10 discount. **PLEASE NOTE:**

Current members who refer and sign up a **NEW** member will receive a \$25 discount.

Call the office for details.

Thank you for your continuing support!

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BOARD VACANCIES

Each year 3 director terms expire. If you'd like to serve a 3 year term as a Board Member, please contact the office.

2008 EVENTS ★ 2008 EVENTS ★ 2008 EVENTS ★ 2008 EVENTS

★ January ~ Annual Dinner ★ February 16, 2008 ~ Winterfish ★

★ May 31, 2008 ~ McGregor Area Lakes Fishing Tournament ★

★ August 30, 2008 ~ Wild Rice Days (Labor Day Weekend) ★

Let's Go Golfing Tournament & Fundraiser has no date or venue for 2008 yet. Do not panic. We'd like to move it up to a Sunday in June. What are your thoughts?

Old Fashioned Christmas is not on the calendar to date. Plans are not in the works. If you want to help, contact the office.

EVENT COMMITTEES: Committees must be formed for each of our events. Without committees our events falter. It is not impossible for one person to do most of the planning. It *IS* impossible for one person to pull off an event. In order for the McGregor Area Chamber of Commerce to continue putting on the events we've grown to love, we need **YOUR** help! If you want to see these events continue, help us by serving on a committee. Committees will meet monthly. The future of chamber sponsored events is in our members hands.