

TO: Dorwood Optimist Club

From: Ron Labatzky
Chairman
Kids Fishing Derby

On 6-8-13 the Kids Fishing Derby was held at Delco Park. The derby was sponsored by the Kettering Parks and the Miami Valley Bass Club. The following Dorwood Optimist Club members participated in the event:

Frank Spolrich, Dave Hammond, Jerry Barnett, Bryan McCormick, Joe Willen, Bill Braun and myself as chairman.

The club members arrived at 8:15 am and tied hooks, sinkers and bobbers on about 30 spin cast poles. Once these poles were rigged the members separated the large bait containers of wax worms into small containers.

The youth signed up beginning at 9:00am and started fishing at 10:00am. Each club member spread out around the lake. As the youths caught fish the members measured each fish and noted a stick mark on the youths card and also maintained their longest fish during the derby. The fishing ended at 12:00 noon and food was served to all the youth plus their parents and all the volunteers. They were served hot dogs, potato chips and soft drinks. This food was paid for by the donation of the Dorwood Optimist Club in the amount of \$400.00. According to the organizers of the event, they purchased medallions for each youth that participated and awarded a fishing pole, tackle box and a trophy to the youths that caught the most fish and the longest fish in each of the three age groups.

The awards ceremony was held about 12:45pm, and ended about 1:30pm. There was 196 youth that participated in this derby.

Before the awards ceremony a meeting was held with the Miami Valley Bass Club and they thanked us for our assistance in the derby and advised the same event will be held on the second Saturday of June in 2014. It was agreed upon among the club members present that we would partner again with the bass club and Kettering Parks in 2014. No amount of money was discussed as to the participation of Dorwood Optimist Club. For information purposes, Ron Hedges, (275-3485, Ronboy318@woh.rr.com) the derby director from the bass club advised the event cost was about \$1000.00 which did not include the donations they received but did include the donation by Dorwood. The bass club will have a different chairperson in 2014, however Ron Hedges can still be the contact person should there be any questions as to Dorwoods involvement in 2014. The contact person for Kettering Parks is Kerri Miles, (Kerri.Miles@Ketteringoh.org)

Respectfully submitted ,

