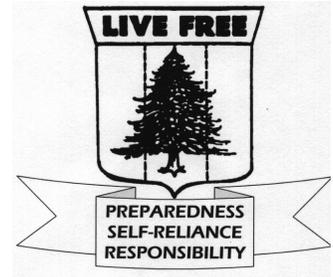


LIVE FREE REPORT

Spring/Summer 2010

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FINAL NOTICE! The Post Office Box in Dolton Illinois will be closed by May of 2010. All literature, letterhead, website postings and other references to Live Free, USA must show only the Address below:
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LIVE FREE USA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Live Free USA 2010 Annual Meeting was conducted at Cabela's Conference Center in Hammond Indiana on March 21st. Jim Jones made the required State of Live Free Report to the members in attendance. **He reported that 2009 was one of the best years Live Free has had since the 1980s.** We have a 30% increase in membership and an almost 80% increase in funds. He also stated that we have more training equipment and better programs than any survival or emergency preparedness organization he has encountered. This includes the Homeland Security programs. Live Free's activity level has increased from a few years ago when we only had one or two events each year. The most important change is in the public attitude towards survival organizations. Whereas our cause was misrepresented and generally unpopular in the 80s and 90s, it is now respected and accepted by most of the public and even much of the governmental agencies.

It was stated that we would like to conduct even bigger events and upgrade the website and newsletter in 2010. This would be supported by a major advertising campaign that would further boost membership and funds. **BUT we do not have enough officers and staff volunteers to handle the expanded membership this would create.** We have fewer active officers and helpers than we did in 2008 and most of our current officers are near or over 60 years old. **This is the major roadblock to expansion.** The problem was made obvious by the low turnout at the Annual Meeting and the fact that only 6 of the ten officers were filled by active members when the election was held.

Jim Jones stated that he would only accept nomination for President in 2011 if all of the offices were filled by active candidates nominated by the membership. He further stated that he would be prepared to run for any office but president in 2012. The organization is in the best position it can be to become self-sustaining and growing. The bylaws are the guide and there should be enough capable leaders within the expanding membership to move forward in the next two years. If not ----.

New Equipment To Facilitate Better Programs

Members at the Annual Meeting were treated to several survival videos on the big screen using our newly acquired video player and video projector. A laptop computer will be added so that we can show the dozens of videos and PowerPoint training programs we have in stock. A proposal to purchase one or two large military surplus tents was made. This would provide cover for large meetings and classes in field locations. **The proposal was tabled because no one has a place to store these tents or could be depended on to bring them to events.** Any volunteers?

Coming Activities

- / No date or location was set for the proposed Camp Liberty primitive conditions training event, but July is the most probable month and NW Indiana is the likely location. **Those tents would be handy here.**
- / There was not much support for a family camp event, but a questionnaire will be distributed to see how many would come.
- / We hope to have more events scheduled in Monee IL (at Brian's Place) and in Indiana at Cabela's. **We would like to have some programs North of Chicago, but we need people up there to set them up.** Let's hear from you.
- / **It was suggested that we may want to consider doing the winter survival event at the Cabins at Tippecanoe River State Park in Indiana for a change.** This would facilitate some different kinds of activities and classes. In a very secluded environment. We have not conducted a winter operation there since the late 1970s.

Live Free Annual Raffle

1st Prize: 150# Crossbow. Value \$200.00.

2nd Prize: Knife set and Weapons Book

3rd Prize: US Army Backpack and Civil War Book

Additional Prizes Will Be Awarded

Drawing May 1st 2010

Tickets: \$1.00 Each, 6 for \$5.00, 13 for \$10.00, 25 for \$20.00