

MRPA Board of Directors

October 9, 2008 in Bangor

I. Call to Order: 10:08 by President Tracy Willette; others in attendance included Executive Director Doug Beck, Mike Martin, Jamie Lebreck, Bill McCullough, Aaron Croyley, Lisa Bingham, Shelley Abbott, Bill Eckart, Joel St.Pierre, Deb Smith, Carol Cook, and guests Dave Collins, Deb Gendreau, and Tim Baude.

II. Secretary's Report: minutes of 9/4/08 accepted into the record

III. Treasurer's Report: The report did not include the final ticket program info or the golf tourney. The annual IRS filing is in the hands of the accountant. Motion by Deb, second by Shelley to accept the report as presented. Passed.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. Web Solutions: We need a list serve and/or blog in order to move us forward. We saw a presentation of Microsoft Office Live Small Business. Other options include Avectra, Event Register, and others running roughly \$2000-2500/year. The committee will continue to research based on what we want our website to do.

B. Periodical Options: several were distributed for viewing

C. NYSCA: A proposal offering a free conference registration is attached to the record. Motion by Joel, second by Deb to accept the proposal as presented. Motion carried.

D. NRPA Annual Congress in Baltimore: Doug discussed the NE social and noted that we had good numbers attending.

E. Governor's Conference: remarkably successful, 20-30 MRPA members in attendance

F. Spring Conference: Doug announced new prices from the Samoset that are very doable; a contract is forthcoming. Motion by Deb, second by Lisa to authorize Doug to sign the contract. Passed.

G. Regional Relations: Doug attended the SMART meeting and will attend others.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Professional Development: Deb will continue negotiating. A rough draft of the conference brochure was distributed for comment; final version will be out next week.

B. Scholarship/Grants: The board seemed to agree that a retroactive award is okay.

C. Legislative: PE4ME collaborative with MAHPERD was noted

D. NE Regional Council: will meet during Congress

VI. Programs

A. Entertainment Showcase: March 27 in Windham

B. Ticket Sales: Not final yet, but Funtown definitely increased, Water Country down. The Pirates promo night is November 30 at 4:00 is a chance to promote MRPA and the economic and environmental impact of Parks & Recreation.

C. Hotshot: Aaron is vacating the post, someone needs to step forward to take it over.

D. Hershey: The state meet will be in Bangor, Tim and Deb to chair.

VII. Section Updates

A. Therapeutic Recreation: Bill mentioned a conference at UNH.

B. EMPRA: working with Collette Travel for a trip to Quebec

VIII. Misc. Old/New Business: Upcoming meetings will be at the fall workshop, Dec. 4 in Augusta, and a conference call in January.

IX. Adjournment: 12:40

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. Cook, secretary