

**MRPA Annual Meeting**  
**April 26, 2007**

- I. Call to Order: at 1:00 by President Doug Beck
- II. Secretary's Report: minutes of fall business meeting accepted into the record
- III. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Steve Balboni and seconded by Tracy Willette to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Russell Packett commented that he had put funds in a high interest CD and that bounced checks and program bills should be followed up by program committees rather than by the treasurer. Moved by Tracy Willette, seconded by Mike Martin to accept the proposed budget.
- IV. Committee Reports (written reports attached to the record)
  - A. Professional Development
    - 1. Annual Conference: thanks expressed
    - 2. Fall Workshop: Bangor area in October, NRPA Livability Summit info
    - 3. NNERPC: format continues to be strong; 1/8-10/08; 140+; 40 vendors
  - B. Website: only as good as the info sent by the membership
  - C. Scholarship/Grants: Loretta Martin received a PDG; one of last year's scholarship recipients did not return to school, so the check was returned
  - D. Membership: In addition to the written report, Bill noted that MRPA is a mature organization with a consistent number of members. Therapeutic membership down. Congressman Michaud needs to be added to our list of honorary members. Thanks were expressed to UMM.
  - E. Personnel Standards & Certification: The NRPA takeover of the certification plan has stalled; ten states still want it to occur. All members were encouraged to send a letter to Tom Farrell expressing concerns over the potential takeover.
  - F. Entertainment Showcase: Over \$4300 profit realized; Scott Segel and Dorene Bunnell to co-chair
  - G. Programs
    - 1. Ticket Sales: Lisa Bingham reported that ski ticket sales were slow; push the Funtown and Water Country tickets (goal of 50 communities).
    - 2. Pitch, Hit & Run: sectionals in Bangor on June 2; info on web
    - 3. Hershey Track & Field: regional meets in Caribou on 6/23 and in Bangor, Auburn, and South Portland on 6/27; state meet on July 2
    - 4. Hot Shot: For the first time, the state competition was held in two sites due to poor weather. Hancock Lumber sponsored the program.
    - 5. MRPA Track & Field: was decided against for '07
  - H. Legislative: The state DOC \$7.5 million bond includes state park upgrades and maintenance as well as the Green Coalition requests. Nationally, all four members of the Maine delegation expected to support LWCF (probably at \$30 million—roughly \$280,000 for Maine). UPARR: only Portland and Lewiston (possibly Auburn) qualify for funding
  - I. NERC: last NETI held in Boston in '07; NERC will host a national school in New England during '08; the May meeting will focus on the strategic plan
  - J. Maine Trails Advisory: Operation Recreation/Rails to Trails; conference 9/21 in Auburn
- V. New Business/Announcements: Doug met with Will Harris and John Picher to promote a stronger relationship with the DOC, Bureau of Public Lands. He noted that there was a waiver form for fees at State Parks (attendance in decline) and that State Park staff can program for our participants. MRPA will be represented on the Governor's Council on Physical Activity. The Bill Bonnyman Golf Tourney will be August 3 in Brunswick.
- VI. Election Results: new Board of Directors congratulated
- VII. Adjournment: 2:20

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol G. Cook, secretary