



**Annual Fall Business Meeting**

**Thursday, October 20, 2017**

**12:30 – 1:15 p.m.**

Brewer

Meeting called to order – 12:25 p.m.

Thank-you to Fall Workshop Committee , Brewer Parks and Rec and all the sponsors

Report from President: Steve explained current work of the Board; 5 core areas that Board is working toward ; discussed need for award submissions to recognize people, facilities and volunteers doing a good job in their community; shared information about NRPA Conference and encouraged more participation on the part of the MRPA membership; Explained the Board’s new mentoring program-should be in place by Spring Conference; Update about photos being streamed on top of MRPA website, and also encouraged events to be published on website; 60+ in attendance at Baseball/Softball workshop offered for field maintenance personnel

(Dupre and Kaherl) - Minutes accepted

Deb Smith – gave Executive Director report ; Has been very involved in Mentoring Program; assisting with the Fall Workshop Committee; Spring Conference; New memberships (Orono, Bridgton, Ellsworth)

Fall Workshop – Nicole thanked Brewer for hosting; Thanked Linda, Jen, Jason, Deb and Brady on Conference Committee; Do much of the work by conference call – encouraged more participation by others

Spring Conference – Karyn MacNeil gave report – Committee has been working on sessions and vendor information will soon be shared; Still accepting last minute conference session topics; Spring Conference dates are tentatively scheduled for mid-March

Golf Tournament – Steve provided report; 18 teams with a net of about \$8500; encouraged more participation; will likely remain in the Point Sebago area; Steve reiterated that we need more people to be involved; Shared information regarding our goal to be to contribute some of the proceeds to go toward Russell Packett; We were able to dedicate \$7500 to Russell’s cause; Shared other fundraising efforts that were done on his behalf

MRPA Track and Field – Tim gave report; Encouraged people to reach out to him, Hillary or Matt Bouchard to get involved with regional meets: Looking for potential sponsors as well

Hit Pitch and Run –No report

NNERPC – exhibit hall sold out; taking registrations for delegates; Anticipate that rooms will fill up quickly; all information is on website

Student Report – Andy provided student report – shared information about presentation at SJC; plans to go to Machias, USM and Thomas College to share this information; Looking forward to having

students at annual conference as well; Steve discussed the Board's efforts to reach out to students with further development of this presentation for students in the classroom

Awards –Scholarships – Steve described Scholarship opportunities, that can be used for many different educational purposes

Ticket Program – Kate: ticket sales down, but Funtown/Splashtown increased our return, so we should still be at the same place; Still looking for winter ticket confirmations – unless Sunday River or Sugarloaf comes on board, we likely won't offer winter tickets; should know by early November

Hot Shot – Andy gave report –signed 1-year contract with Red Claws; Mentioned working on ways to increase participation; there were two regional competitions last year; will return to one this year - March 18<sup>th</sup>

Video Contest – Denise LeBlanc – provided report about Why We Love Camp submissions – only 4 this year, currently on the website and will be requesting votes soon; Denise explained that it is a great way to promote your programs; winner will be announced at Spring Conference

LWCF – Steve explained the program and encouraged members to support this program when given the opportunity; many communities have benefitted from this program

General Announcements: Denise encouraged involvement in some of the regular committees; Mentioned the LWCF pre-inspection applications are on-line; Applications due in November for this year; Thanks to sponsors for being here today

MRPA – Why We love Camp Video Submissions

Adjourn – 1:00 p.m. (Tim and Karyn)