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Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 14th, 2017
Saint Joseph's College, Xavier Hall
278 Whites Bridge Rd, Standish, ME 04084

Minutes

1. Call To Order 10:05 a.m.

Present: Steve Balboni , Tracy Willette , Linda Brooks, Jen DeRice, Debbie Gendreau , Hillary Hallett
Karyn MacNeill, Jason Hanken, Andy Kaherl, Doug Beck, Deb Smith
Excused: Russell Packett, Denise LeBlanc, Matt Tobin
Lisa Ahearn, student(s) present from a Facilities planning class

2. Review/Accept Minutes of August 10th , 2017
(Willette, Gendreau)

3. Accept Budget Report
Deb picking items up from Cape Elizabeth to assist with the process
(Derice, Kaherl)

4. Board Discussion

- a. Student Invitation for Fall Workshop – Deb has not yet heard back from any of those students; still reaching out for Fall Workshop
- b. City of Ellsworth Meeting – Looking to develop a Parks and Recreation Department; Steve and Tracy attended their council meeting to explain their departments, facility management processes, lease agreement with YMCA – City will be going through the process to determine what direction they are heading; Discussion held about the role MRPA can play in working with communities to establish departments
- c. Student involvement at programs – Deb explained the way we can get student involvement and suggested a more formalized approach to getting student involvement
- d. Mentoring – Deb reached out after our last meeting to learn about young professionals who may be seeking mentoring opportunities; Jason H. sent along mentoring information from NRPA
- e. Cape Basketball League – Deb has worked with other professionals to keep the Travel League going that Russell started; this has been a long-standing, well-controlled league that has standards that the Board supports
- f. Baseball/ Softball Maintenance Seminar – working with Matt Tobin for the Baseball/Softball Maintenance Seminar on October 3

5. Saint Joseph's College Presentation

Deb Gendreau shared the power point presentation that explains the over-all role of MRPA to students, followed by Q & A session

6. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Director Report - Nothing additional beyond report that was provided
- b. Membership - Nothing additional to report
- c. Fall Workshop - Registration now open; rooms available at Residence Inn
- d. Annual Conference – March 18,19,20 – Meeting with vendors; Both Monday and Tuesday offer same amount of CEU's; Next conference meeting September 26: Keynote and Endnote all set
- e. Awards - Submissions can be done on-line – Tracy encouraged people to think about nominations
- f. Golf Tournament - Good tournament, Anticipated net between \$8000-\$8300; Need to discuss as a board once we know what our true profit is and determine if there is a project that Russell is having to complete at his home, that this money could fund that

- g. Hot Shot – Needs a conference call to review the manual – Suggested advertising the program could be better; A generic form could be provided for communities to use in promoting this; A timeline has been created and shared
- h. Track & Field- Looking for a sponsor for this program; Trying to identify our program better with another name; Jen mentioned Olympia Sports as a potential sponsor; Andy mentioned Dick’s Sporting Goods as a possible sponsor
- i. Pitch Hit & Run - Tyler provided a timeline for this program; Registrations for local communities is currently open; Looking for contact people at this point for local competitions to e-mail Tyler directly
- j. Scholarships – We received three applications; committee talked generally and awarded one to Linda Brooks (Nationals) , one for Hillary and one for Deb Nickerson (she has declined at this point, but wants to use it next year)
- k. Tickets - Tickets are being returned now; some communities saw a lower turnout

7. New/Other Business

- 1. Steve mentioned some LWCF updates that he is working on; need to send a letter to legislators
- 2. Submit park photos to website
- 3. Tracy mentioned Director position open in Hermann
- 4. Meeting scheduled in Bangor for day before Workshop - 10:00 a.m.
- 5. Karyn asking for anyone wanting to contribute ideas on session content
- 6. SMART meeting in Wiscasset in October
- 7. Doug discussed role of Maine Conservation Corps – asking MRPA Board to see if an environmental steward were to be involved, how would you use that involvement?
Suggestions: Community Garden, Conservation work with volunteer boards; Trail maintenance for municipal facilities

8. Adjourn (Willette, Derice)

Next Meeting October 19th Bangor Parks & Recreation - 10a