



**Annual Spring Business Meeting**

**Monday, March 20, 2017**

**Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME**

12:35 – Called meeting to order

2. Denise – Thanked the conference committee; Gave report about MRPA accomplishments over the past year; Recognized Board of Directors; Thanked conference sponsors and commercial members; Thanked conference committee members, welcomed .

3. Secretary’s report accepted – Willette and Packett

4. MRPA Annual Budget Proposal – Russell reported that there was minimal change from last year; Spoke about the ticket program being the majority of the revenue; Motion made and seconded to accept budget as written

5. Committee Reports –

Student Report (Andy Kaherl) – Thanked Deb for all her work in getting students here, 26 new student members and 6 new faculty members; Recognized 5 students who were here through the scholarship program; Also thanked faculty members from UMaine Machias and UNH for getting the students here; Recognized the graduating seniors

Annual Conference (Karyn McNeil): 119 delegates present at the conference this year; 43 vendors joined us too; Thanked all of the committee members individually; Recognized Anthony for Vendor Representation – asking for someone to step up to assist; Nicole Welch and Jen Derice for coordination of speakers; Recognized others by name; Encouraged continued participation

Scholarship Committee – Sept. 1 and Feb. 1 deadline; \$500.00 max/conference; all information on the website

Fall Workshop – Linda Reported date to be Friday, October 20th; Nicole Welch to be taking over as chair

Track and Field Program – Tim Baude and Matt Bouchard: State Meet is July 11 in Bangor; South Portland , Caribou and Bangor for regional meets; Thanks to New Balance for sponsorship of State meet; Tim Baude: Offered assistance to anyone who has not run this event – “no track, no problem”

Pitch, Hit and Run (Tyler Stewart): sponsored by MLB, one-day event in any open field space; Free for participants; ages 7-14, co-ed; 3 events; Currently accepting registrations for the event; MLB.com/kids for information about how to host a local event; Had 42 communities participating last year; Recommends hosting a local event in April or early May

Golf Tournament (Steve Balboni): September 8<sup>th</sup>, Point Sebago, good fundraiser for MRPA programs – looking for teams and sponsors; Registration will be opening soon; Had 22 sponsors last year – thanked them

Ticket Program: Needs winter tickets returned so that summer program can be opened

Hot Shot Program(Hillary Hallett and Andy): Thanked the Red Claws for their success – contract has now run out – hoping it will be renewed; Ages 9-15; about 15 communities in Southern Maine were involved; Andy thanked Deb for all that she has done with this event; Also thanked Sabrina for her work; Hillary spoke about what a large Northern Maine event this is; Board is looking at other times for the event and is welcoming input from everyone;

Membership( Deb Smith): Membership booklets were handed out for this year; Also talked about Member Zone and possibility of having training programs at regional meetings: Total membership is 350 – more than last year; new commercial memberships; Discussed the 4 members who retired this past year, and introduced new MRPA members; Gave Election Results

Northern New Englands (Lisa Thompson): 220 Delegates and vendors sold out; Hotel sold out as well; Anticipating a bigger turn-out next year Dates have been moved back a week; January 9-11, 2018; At Attitash; Keynote Speaker has been booked; Vermont will be the host state;

Awards (Jen DeRice) – Encouraging people to attend the banquet; Thanked those who nominated; Encouraged people to nominate worthy recipients ; Jen also gave a SMART update – encouraged new topics and discussed growth in number of people attending

Legislative (Tracy Willette): Tracy updated about CDBG funds are currently at risk – encouraged everyone to look at what has been done in our communities with this funding program; LWCF seems to be holding its own currently - pre-inspections are being done for next round of funding

Regional Groups:

Deb G (EMPRA) – Has grown to about 30 people attending meetings; Will be doing summer camp staff training

Hillary H (Northern Maine) – Fairly active group – Doing a google Docs Training in April ; Collaboration with many activities

8. Executive Director Report – provided a one-page summary of Year-in-Review – keeps it posted on the website ; Highlights: Summer Ticket Consignment program – very successful, Funtown Splashtown is increasing the amount that will be returned to MRPA this year; Thanked Board and others who step up and help by part of some program

10. New Business: Why We Love Camp submissions – York is the winner; Congratulations to new Board – starts July 1

Meeting adjourned (Willette and Packett) – 1:35p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Brooks