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Board of Directors Minutes
Thursday, January 18th, 2018
Merrill Memorial Library, 215 Main Street, Yarmouth

Present: Steve Balboni, Karyn MacNeill, Linda Brooks, Tracy Willette, Jen DeRice, Debbie Gendreau, Jason Hanken, Andy Kaherl, Doug Beck, Deb Smith

Excused: Hillary Hallett, Matt Tobin, Denise LeBlanc

Meeting Called To Order at 10:04 a.m.

Review/Accept Minutes of December 14th, 2017

Motion to accept (Derice, Kaherl) - All in favor

Budget Report - Revised budget report provided with an entry for the National Conference expense; Deb explained other entries as she continues to monitor accounts in absence of a treasurer; Deb recommends that new treasurer be familiar with Quickbooks ; Total Current expenses: \$258,824 - Balance is increasing as more membership payments come in

Motion to accept (MacNeil, Kaherl)- All in favor

Board Discussion

a. Proposed Budget

Steve provided budget that was proposed for FY17-18; Steve had a few questions:

- 1- Scholarship Fund for Russell - Do we want to keep this separate and continue to fund it or should it be in a separate account? Deb recommends that we keep it separate; Discussion held about the original intent of the Golf Tournament and how that has been utilized through the years, with this past year going toward Russell Packett's family; Jen recommended keeping it separate; Tracy suggested that eventually it may get absorbed as part of our regular budget with it being funded by a special project or program – such as the Golf Tournament or the Entertainment Showcase; RP Scholarship will be removed from regular operating budget
 - 2- SMART Money was also added in as a separate line and removed from operating budget
 - 3- SCORP Funding – Steve wants to know how that is being budgeted – will it show on new budget as a reserve account; Tracy reminded all that the minutes from last month's meeting indicated we would be pulling this from the reserve account, so it should not be included in the operating budget; Doug was suggesting a method could be put in place to continue funding SCORP after the initial \$5000; Linda suggested we should wait and see what the benefits are with the new SCORP before we commit further funding; others agreed
 - 4- Andy asked about the Red Claws contribution; Deb feels that as long as Red Claws are here, they will continue to support us
 - 5 – Deb shared potential sponsorship money for Track & Field (details included in Track & Field Report)
- Steve, Tracy and Deb G. will pull budget together and have it ready for Spring Meeting

b. Annual Conference

Karyn provided report; Finalizing brochure, which will be available middle of next week; Registration should be on-line soon; Ads are bringing in additional money – in some cases, this is replacing their attendance as a vendor; Hotel reservations are available on-line; Food contract is different than previous years, and allows for more flexibility with our numbers; Delegate fees remain the same as last year; Will begin looking for room monitors in the next month; Karyn feels very positive about where things stand; Deb has been reaching out to commercial members and working on trying to increase exhibitors (currently has 11, needs 30 more); Andy working on scholarship form for student attendance

c. Positive Coaching Alliance

Deb and Jen has met with a rep from Positive Coaching Alliance – proposing that we sponsor this program and make it available to our membership and others; Jen wants to use it for training through SMART; Jen has suggested meeting in South Portland; Jason mentioned that it capitalizes on the end note for Northern New England as well; Deb is suggesting it would be open to anyone – may be \$10 for MRPA members and \$25 for non-members; Not a coaches training – geared toward coordinators of the programs – there will be information available before and after the training; Price will continue to drop down for MRPA communities who may want to continue doing this training later under the MRPA umbrella; Registration will be available on-line so that payment can be made or Deb can invoice them

d. Mentoring Update

Deb shared that response has been very good; 6 people willing to be mentors; 3 looking to be mentored; Deb will send out another reminder – goal was to make matches and announce them at the Spring Conference

e. College Update

- Karyn reached out to USM and SMCC – has heard back from SMCC; they are interested and she is waiting to hear back from the staff members who would want us to come
- Linda shared that she connected with the person from Thomas College, and spoke with the person on the list that I was given – he was passing on the information to the two professors who would be teaching classes that we should attend this semester
- Andy has connected with SJC and is working on establishing those dates with Linda, Nicole and Jen; will likely be speaking to 3 classes (30-35 students); Deb recommends encouraging student involvement at Hot Shot tournament
- Deb G. has already covered Husson and will be going again to Sports Management and PT classes later this semester

f. February Meeting Location - Will meet in Bath on February 8th

Committee Reports

Executive Director Report

Deb went to Attitash for one day and spent time with other Executive Directors; Both NH and VT are interested in doing a regional track meet at UNH(suggested 2020 as the goal for this); Conversations about summer staff training and State Park memberships and trying to get a way for them to join us

Membership

Everyone should have received an invoice; New memberships include Bangor and Old Town YMCA have each paid for one member; 2 retired members and a professor from Unity College

Fall Workshop

Deb G will be working on getting prices for Just Catering to have it there; Brewer and Lewiston have been suggested as possible venues; Hollywood Casino is also an alternative

Awards

Deadline is fast approaching; encourage submissions

Golf Tournament

Date will be September 7, 2018; Steve believes Matt Tobin will be running it; Sponsored by Pioneer, Musco and NE Recreation Group

Hot Shot

Local results are coming in; Andy getting volunteer support from college students; this will be Andy's last Hot Shot event – he is suggesting that Joe Crocker may be interested

Track & Field

Deb shared information from \$1500 + \$500 in-kind from New Balance, Scott Ricci also donated \$500 for this program; Also working with Funtown/Splashtown for possible donations; Also potential funding for transportation

Pitch Hit & Run

No report

Scholarships

Two scholarship applications to review

Tickets

No report

Students

Continue reaching out for student involvement

Northern New England Update

Attendance was down 20 from last year (181); committee looking at putting RFP's out at facilities to see what else is in the area; Steve has ended his involvement with that committee; Jason continuing on the NNERPC committee; My Rec will be taking over registrations for the conference

New/Other Business

Intent to Serve paperwork is due; Two have applied for Treasurer's position; One new at-large applicant Marcel's retirement party – Deb will be sending a note from MRPA

Kathy Raftis has been named Director in Cape Elizabeth; Discussion held about what the future of the Southern Maine Travel Tournament

Deb G brought up UMaine Event: National Girls and Women in Sports Day - encouraging involvement on behalf of girls' basketball teams – availability for departments to be there with a booth to promote our programs; asking to send it to all MRPA members; Deb will include in e-newsletter

Motion to Adjourn (Derice, MacNeill) 11:35 a.m.