



Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 11, 2017

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bath Parks and Recreation

Meeting called to order 9:04 a.m.

Deb introduced Maine Sports Commission Strategic Director Sheila Brennan Nee – Discussed sports tourism; Suggested use of their event calendar for sporting events; Sheila can also help with press releases for new events; Website is: Mainesportscommission.com

Minutes – moved and seconded to accept February minutes; Steve and Jen

Treasurer's Report – Deb reported two new commercial members; moved and seconded to accept report; Steve and Tracy

Executive Director Report – Deb provided updated report

Committee Reports –

Student Report – Andy met with Lisa Ahearn, SJC – SJC wants to host an MRPA meeting – Andy offered to stay after the meeting to answer questions for students, Russell suggested that all Board members should be willing to remain after the meeting ; SJC wants to continue more involvement with MRPA; Linda inquired about paid internship opportunities from SJC, which students don't seem to know about – Deb to follow up with Beth Richardson about that;; More discussion about having our meetings at other schools and universities

Spring Conference – Karyn reported that the Spring Conference was flawless due to subcommittee chairs; Behn Brooks taking over as Vendor Chair; Nicole to remain as Education Chair; have begun working on dates (March 18,19,20) and keynote speaker; Randy Pierce likely to be the keynote – motivational speaker from Maine; Proposed mystery event for Sunday night in Downtown Portland – would benefit individual departments; Next meeting in July

Scholarships/Grant – Awarded two scholarships to Bangor and Caribou; Russell prefers to have a deadline for these applications – September 1 and February 1 – for the second deadline there is more leeway based upon whether anything was applied for at the September 1 deadline;

Fall Workshop – Venue, Caterer is booked; Same format as last year – did a conference call yesterday with Ginger Ward – Green about a session regarding change; Bangor Savings Bank on board with major sponsorship – also looking for 3 room sponsors; Deb to work with Nicole on a budget

Track and Field – Andy reported on a few changes for State Meet; working on ways to improve logistics; Awards process will be simplified – all awards will be ready with no names on them; Parade of runners will happen earlier in the day – cut-off time for arrival to be earlier in the morning; t-shirts to be ordered based on runner's sizes provided by each community; more water available for athletes

Pitch, Hit & Run – Deb reported for Tyler; 36 communities participating in 3 regions – very happy with current status

Golf Tournament – Steve reported that he is working on sponsors – Pioneer is not going to be title sponsorship, but there may be a split in that; Jen proposed possibilities of radio timeslots; Steve encouraged committee members to get additional sponsors - \$150 hole sponsor – request made to have sponsor packet sent to all committee members



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Ticket Program – No report; Russell waiting for two checks for winter program; Ticket delivery should be happening soon

Hot Shot – Andy provided letter sent to Red Claws; State meet went well; Andy going to stay on and continue this program – will make some changes and see ways to get other communities to be involved; total of 353 participants – biggest community was Easton with 85; Won't be doing two state meets – will be back to one

Membership - Deb provided update in her monthly report

NNERPC – Keynote is set; other plans underway

Awards – Jen asking about food for meal tickets for Awards recipients; there was \$1000 allotted for meal tickets; since there was a profit with the conference, asking if the communities need to be invoiced for the tickets this year (for this year, it was about \$1250 for award winner meals; there should be a year by year decision made based on balance owed for meals and profit made for conference); Russell and Steve moved and seconded to absorb the additional amount for this year; Committee is free to give away 22 meals for each conference; Future of committee – Jen is no longer going to be chairperson, would like to have regional representation on the committee – looking for Past Award winners and/or Board members; Has already asked Marie Carmichael to represent Northern region; Carol will remain on, Pam Leduc will stay on, Linda will go on, Deb G. suggested Mike Martin could be on; Russell is suggesting that the three regional representatives remain on the committee; Jen suggested that it is another way to get others to be involved who has not already been involved

Marketing – No report

Regional Training

SMART – regional training last week – Summer Camp outings; representative from Dempsey Center did training for preventing skin and other cancers; Sea Dogs Game – June 8th

EMPRO – Next meeting in Brewer; Sun safety training on June 21st

NMCRA – recently completed a training about Google Docs – very useful; suggested having another session at Spring Conference

Other business

Partnership Opportunities – Deb provided some suggested partnerships; recommended sponsor programs; changing the thought process

Playground Certification – now available on-line; testing is done at a test site; Safety inspections can be done with recommendations made to that community – will cite the standard

Next meeting date – June 1st, 10:00 a.m. – Yarmouth

Adjourn Board Meeting – 11:32 a.m. – Tracy and Jen

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Brooks, Secretary