

## **Annual Spring Conference Agenda**

Monday, March 18, 2019 Samoset Resort 220 Warrenton St, Rockport, ME 04856

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1. Call to Order 1:03pm

Tracy Willette, Sabrina Best, Joe Crocker, Steve Balboni, Debbie Gendreau, Jason Hanken, Matt Tobin, Deb Smith, Jen DeRice, Hillary Hallett, Lisa Thompson, Nicole Welch, Doug Beck and Karyn MacNeill

- 2. Review/Accept Minutes of Fall (Leif/Baude); all in favor
- 3. Annual FY20 Budget Report (Chase/Bowker); All in favor
- 4. Board Discussion None
- 5. Committee Reports

a. Executive Director Report (Attached)

Smith

Deb touched on some highlights from throughout the year from the youth programs to the Certified Playground Safety Inspection certification. Mentorship program was mentioned for anyone looking to either mentor/mentee. MRPA VIP Program is a point base program for professional development and this years' winner was Nicole Welch of Buxton.

b. Membership

Smith

c. Annual Workshop

MacNeill

52 annual conference with 99 delegates, 4 students, 32 venders that rounded out another successful event. Karyn talked about the planning and prep that goes into the conference and thanked the committee; Nicole Welch, Lisa Thompson, Steve, Tracy, Mike/Bob, Andy, Kate, Jen, Brady, Deb. Karyn stressed connecting with the venders as they help continue to allow for the price of the conference for members. Karyn mentioned the sessions and speakers.

d. Fall Workshop

Welch

Fall workshop will be in Lewiston on October 2019, the committee is looking for more members and new session ideas.

e. Track and Field – Pine Tree State

Bouchard/Baude

July 16 is the state meet in Bangor and there are lesson plans that will online along with in their session later today which are great for Sumer Camp programming.

f. Northern New England's

Thompson

Lisa talked about NNE 2020 at the Red Jacket Resort, Jan 7-9 2020 with another possibility of an all day workshop on Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. Maine is the host state this year and hoping we can see a lot of Maine representation at the conference.

o Awards

Willette

Please attend the awards banquet tonight as this is a great opportunity to recognize those we work with every day.

h. Golf Tournament

Balboni

Steve talked about going back to Point Sebago and this is a fundraiser for various scholarships and appropriate donations from the membership/organization

a. Scholarships

Balboni

Golf Tourney also funds the scholarship program, you can request right off the website and encourage everyone to take advantage.

b. Hot Shot

Hillary

17 around the State, 300+ kids from around Maine participated. The states held last weekend and had 38 participants. Hillary talked about thanking Deb and Red Claws staff for helping. MRPA board is going in a new direction for this program next year so look out for updates to come.

c. Pitch Hit and Run

Stewart

Tyler talked about hosting a competition being very easy even if you don't have all the information right now. Selections Southern May 26 at Hadlock Field working with the Sea Dogs so locals will need to be hosted prior to this date. Bangor

will be central and Fort Fairfield for the Northern Regionals. Free event to the participants and locals are mailed a kit to run it and if pretty self sufficient outside of staff, field, and some small supplies.

d. Tickets Harris

Kate talked about new pricing; Funtown Combo 30, Splashtown go up \$1, Heads up combo ticket going away in a few years. Aqua went up and York coming back. Payment will be altered this year and that by Labor Day is the time we need to get everything back into Kate because of the turn around for the parks since they close for the season. Goal 10,000 tickets for Funtown. Funtown will no longer offer Groupon discounts so MRPA will be the ONLY location for people to get discounted tickets! MRPA will help promote this at various locations and avenues. Ticket info will come out by the end of the month, last year we had 53 communities that participated and is easy for anyone looking to join. Kate referenced that the prices include kickback for the local community and MRPA so this is a fundraiser for the organization.

e. Students Thompson

Lisa talked about the 3 students that have been helping with the Annual Conference and her ability to connect to these students throughout the year. Joey Gleason, Justin Peirce, Jill Brigham

f. Video Contest LeBlanc

4<sup>th</sup> year 'Why you love camp', the videos will be shown at the awards banquet this evening and we had 8 communities participate. Information on how to submit a video on the website.

g. LWCF/RTP Update

Beck/Willette

Tracy talked about a survey for SCORP going out to directors which will help get a better picture of what is going on around the state and goals, projects, etc. SCORP is tied to the Land and Water Conservation Grants.

6. Election Results Board

- President; Karyn MacNeil
- Vice President; Jen DeRice
- Secretary; Sabrina Best
- Treasurer; Joe Crocker
- Regional Representatives; Northern, Hillary, Eastern Deb, Southern Erika Dube
- Citizen: Matt Tobin
- Parliamentarian; Doug Beck
- At Large; Tyler, Lisa, Nicole Welch

Their term will begin July 1, 2019

7. Adjourn (Leif/Harris) all in favor (1:40pm)