



Board of Directors Agenda

Friday, October 18, 2019
65 Central Ave, Lewiston, ME
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Gym

1. Call To Order

MacNeill [12:18p]

Tracy Willette Karyn MacNeill Sabrina Best Deb Smith Jen DeRice Erika Dube
Nicole Welch Lisa Thompson Tyler Stewart Deb Gendreau Doug Beck

Guests: MRPA Membership and attendees of the Fall Workshop

2. Review/Accept Minutes of Spring Conference 2019 (Tracy Willette/Andy Kaherl); all in favor unanimous

3. Budget Smith

Monthly Budget; Deb mentioned that the Year Budget and monthly updates are posted on the MRPA website for any member to view. Deb talked to the membership about the various benefits in the budget that are available; scholarships, golf tourney, ticket sales program etc.

4. Board Updates MacNeill

Karyn talked about using the board and membership as a place to connect and get to know fellow parks and recreation professions. High Five-Take Five is an adult version of show and tell. Karyn highlighted the Boards goals for this upcoming year:

- a. Rack Card that is placed at various locations along 95 that helps advertise the local parks and rec offices that sell the discount ticket program.
- b. Membership Review of benefits and help promote to current and future.
- c. Legislature and connections
- d. Media and PSA message and efforts about the MRPA organization

5. Committee Updates

- a. Executive Director report – Deb mentioned that the monthly report of the ED can be found on the website under reports and meetings. Some highlights from Deb’s report; keeping everyone connected to changes and programs at the National level.
- b. Membership – There was a quick review of all the benefits of the membership including; training, education, networking, ticket sales, job postings, program collaboration, etc.
- c. Spring and Fall Conferences – The Spring Conference will be held in March at the Samoset in Rockland. There was a quick exercise to collect topics for sessions, anyone can reach out to Nicole and Erika if they want to get involved or have any ideas.
- d. Awards – there are 4 categories for awards that are given every spring; Haskell distinguished professional of the year, Volunteer of the year, Parks Professional of the year, Bill Eckard Young Professional of the year, and Facility Merit award. Deadline for the nominating process is February.
- e. Golf Tourney – The Bill Bonny Golf Tourney helps support the MRPA budget and over the last few years the board has been in a position where the revenue from the golf tourney could be donated to notable funds; Russell Packet, Jim Toner, Family member of the Bonneyman family.
- f. Website – The website is a great resource for members, go check it out www.merpa.org The ‘Why we love summer camp’ Video contest has been a big hit over the last few years.
- g. Pitch, Hit, & Run – Tyler from OOB is the chair for this program, it is connected with the MLB and allows for kids to participate from Local all the way up to the MLB All Star Games for the title of National Champion.
- h. Scholarships – there are various opportunities for members – to get funding to educational opportunities either local, state, or national.
- i. LWCF and RTF – there is Federal and State funding available for Parks and Recreation to apply and help fund outdoor recreational projects. Contact Doug Beck for more information.
- j. Ticket Sales – Kate Harris in Falmouth is the chair for this program, any member interested in selling discounted tickets to Funtown/Splashtown, York Wild Kingdom, or Aquaboggan

6. Adjourn (Willette/Gendreau); all in favor unanimous

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