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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Zoom

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

1. Call To Order

Karyn MacNeill

Jen DeRice

Tyler Stewart

Sabrina Best

Deb Gendreau

Lisa Thompson

Deb Smith

Doug Beck

Nicole Welch

MacNeill [10:04a]

Erika Dube

Joe Crocker

**Absent:** Zach Schrock, Tracy Willette and Hillary Hallett

2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- a. DeRice/ Beck; all in favor unanimous

3. Treasurer Report

- a. Joe will email report to board, nothing major to report.

4. COVID Budget

- a. Nothing major to report.

5. Sub Committees

- a. Annual Virtual Conference: Nicole reported the planning committee will meet next week to continue planning for a Virtual conference. There was a survey sent out to membership to collect feedback and suggestions.
- b. Youth Sports: Tyler provided an update on the committee work; highlight was the creation of a Youth Sports Philosophy. Tyler will email that to the board. There will be a Zoom in January with a guest speaker.
- c. Legislative Advocacy:
- i. Deb reported that MRPA was asked to join in signing a letter requesting that summer camp organizations across the nation are considered part of the Education sector when COVID-19 Vaccine becomes available to those working in the Education sector. Deb sent the request from The American Camp Association, Afterschool Alliance, YMCA, and others to the NRPA admin team. The board would like to wait for NRPA to take a stance on this topic and follow their lead. There was discussion about doing advocacy at the State level as well if the board moves forward.
- ii. The Maine Tobacco Free Kids group asked MRPA to join as a partner for their "Flavors Hook Kids" initiative. The advocacy workgroup met and felt the board should consider moving forward with support. Deb will resend out to the board all the info on this topic and the checklist.
- MOTION: Jen made a motion "To support the Flavor Hooks Kids initiative." Tyler Second; all in favor unanimous.
1. It was clarified that the board will NOT be sharing the list of members and network contacts directly with the initiative.
- iii. Doug reported that Matt Foster from Farmington was representing MRPA on a board focusing on finding a Sustainable State funding source for local groups to utilize for matching funds required by grants.
- d. Regional Meetings: EMPRA recently held a meeting and Southern Maine will meet in Early January focusing on MPA guidelines for return to play.

6. Programming

- a. Track and Field: Committee met recently to discuss 2021 event and program with discussion around a virtual option. They will meet again in January.
- b. MRPA Winter Event: Nothing to report.
- c. MRPA Promo Video: Deb reported the final product has been pushed out to membership with positive feedback. Maine Department of Education requested the video as it shows the support Parks and Rec dept. have provided during remote learning. Deb is working on sending a letter to Maine's Representatives specifically about the childcare programs and funding. Please send Deb any testimonial to include in the letter.

7. Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion
  - a. Deb reported that NRPA continues to encourage and support conversations around DEI at the National, State and Local level. There was some discussion on if/how board members have started to have these conversations (at both Board and Local levels). More to report at next meeting.
8. Membership
  - a. Deb sent out the PROMO video to membership and commercial members. Invoices will be going out soon.
9. Other Business –
  - a. MRPA received \$100 donation for the Russell Packet scholarship from Russell's family. The board should look to plan on ways to utilize those funds, Tyler will discuss with the Youth Sports Committee.
  - b. Carol Cook from Kennebunkport is retiring at the end of the month, Deb will send out the info on the Zoom party. Anyone wanting to contribute to a gift can send Deb the money.
10. Next meeting – January 14, 2021 at 10am via ZOOM
11. Adjourn (DeRice/Gendreau); all in favor unanimous [11:27a]