

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 14, 2021 Zoom 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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 1. Call To Order

 Karyn MacNeill
 Sabrina Best

 Jen DeRice
 Joe Crocker

 Nicole Welch
 Hillary Hallett

 Zach Schrock
 Tracy Willette

Deb Smith Tyler Stewart Deb Gendreau **Guest**: Matt Foster MacNeill [10:04a] Erika Dube Lisa Thompson Doug Beck

- 2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes
 - a. DeRice/ Dube; all in favor unanimous
- 3. Treasurer Report
 - a. Joe emailed a report nothing major to report, keeping an eye on any COVID related impacts.
- 4. COVID Budget
 - a. MRPA received another grant from COVID relief programs. All grant funds will go to pay for salary line for accounting purposes.
- 5. Annual Conference non-session related pieces
 - a. Conference revenue was originally eliminated from the revised budget. If the conference ends with a profit a decision will need to be made on if the board would like to add a line item back in the budget. Discussion around use of other accounts to help fund guest speakers if needed.
 - b. Business Meeting will be held March 18 at 10am virtually. A budget will be prepared by a small group and brought to the board for discussion/approval.
 - c. Intent to serve is due Feb 9 on the MRPA website. Election will be held virtually.
- 6. Sub Committees
 - a. Bureau of Parks and Land: Matt provided the board with a report. Doug clarified the efforts needing to come from agencies and organization due to the State not being open to adding a new tax.
 - b. Advocacy Group is moving forward with Doug as Chair and Jason Webber (OOB) as vice chair Feb 4 at 12:30pm they will hold an Advocacy 101 session for the membership.
 - c. Annual Virtual Conference: Nicole reported the committee is looking at charging \$50 per person for members. Traditional overhead costs will not be an expense this year due to going virtual. It will be a weeklong event starting March 15-19 details will be coming out soon. Deadline for nominations for the Annual Awards is Feb 1.
 - d. Youth Sports: Tyler provided an update on the committee work; Youth sports zoom next week. Tyler sent the youth sports philosophy to the board for review.
- 7. Programming
- a. Ticket Sales: Funtown has a new rep, Kate will continue to work on this program and will report back.8. Membership
 - a. Deb reported that 50% membership has renewed for the new year including a few new members. Commercial membership is coming in slowly.
- 9. Executive Board Position Description
 - a. Deb sent these to the board for review.
- 10. Other Business
 - a. Erika reported there will be a SMART meeting on Jan 21 at 10am.
 - b. Deb reported that NRPA certification has changed their standard 60 min = .1 CEU
 - c. Deb put together a Zoom Feb 8th at 10am as a membership appreciation. The topic is around Mental Health by Joanne P McCallie (maine native).
- 11. Next meeting February 11, 2021 at 10am via ZOOM
- 12. Adjourn (DeRice/Hillary); all in favor unanimous

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