

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 8, 2021 Zoom 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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1. Call To Order MacNeill [10:01a]

Karyn MacNeill Sabrina Best Deb Smith Erika Dube Jen DeRice Joe Crocker Tyler Stewart Lisa Thompson Deb Gendreau Doug Beck Gary Colello Alan Grady

Hillary Hallett Absent: Nicole Welch, Tracy Willette

- 2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes
 - a. DeRice/ Stewart; all in favor unanimous
- 3. Treasurer Report
 - a. Joe emailed a report, a few expenses have not been recorded for spring conference.
- 4. Sub Committees
 - a. Annual Conference Deb reported a successful and positive conference, 44 communities and 132 individuals registered. Dates for next year March 13-15, 2022 at the Samoset.
 - b. Golf Tournament Tyler has started to form his committee and is working on securing a location for this year's tournament. There was discussion on reaching out to all members that have a golf course before looking outside the association.

Motion: "The Golf Tournament committee will put out an RFP to the MRPA membership of Municipal Golf Courses in Maine to Host this year's golf tournament." Thompson/MacNeill

Amended: "The Golf Tournament committee will put out an RFP to the MRPA membership of Municipal Golf Courses and Commercial Members with Golf Courses in Maine to Host this year's golf tournament." Vote was Unanimous.

- c. Youth Sports: Tyler and Deb provided an update; the committee will be meeting next week and will research the summer basketball league that has been reaching out to communities.
- d. Legislative Advocacy Doug provided an update on the RTP funding initiative. There was discussion on connecting with the Maine Education Commissioner on the COVID Relief Bill specific to childcare programs.
- e. Summer Camp Training Deb provided an update on a small group that is working on putting together some additional summer camp training opportunities for the week of June 14th. There will be a fee to access the 4 virtual sessions that will cover a variety of topics that communities suggested.
- f. NNE Conference Lisa provided an update highlighting the dates Jan 10-12, 2022 at the Red Jacket Inn.
- 5. Regional Updates
 - a. Northern Maine Held an in-person meeting with a guest speaker and will send the info to Deb to send to the membership.
- 6. Programming Committees
 - a. Maine Backyard Campout Lisa mentioned there was a ton of interest in communities running this event again and will start working on the program.
 - b. Track and Field Hillary provided an update regarding some hurdles with USA Track and Field programs combining with the Pine Tree State Track Meet. Deb echoed Hillary's comments and the committee is exploring some options on how best to move forward for this year. Sign-ups have begun and already seeing new communities. There was discussion on if this year's meet should be an in person or virtual event, a decision will be made by the board at the May meeting. The Tri State Track Meet with NH and Vermont will be held virtually this year.
- 7. Membership Update
 - a. Deb provided an update. Electronic data base has been distributed to membership
- 8. Other Business None
- 9. Next meeting May 13, 2021 at 10am via Zoom
- 10. Adjourn (Gendreau/Dube); all in favor unanimous

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