



MRPA Board Meeting via Zoom
October 8, 2020

Attending: Karyn MacNeill, Jen DeRice, Erika Dube, Lisa Thompson, Tyler Stewart, Debbie Gendreau, Nicole Welch, Zack Schrock, Hillary Hallett, Joe Crocker, Deb Smith

Absent: Doug Beck, Tracy Willette, Sabrina Best

1. Meeting called to order by President MacNeill at 10:02 am
2. Approval of minutes of September 17, 2020
 - a. Motion made by Debbie Gendreau/2nd by Tyler Stewart – passed
 - b. Mentioned that we need to streamline the minutes – Deb will share with Sabrina
3. Treasurer's report – Joe Crocker
 - a. Minimal expenses since September meeting
4. COVID Budget Updates
 - a. We will have some annual expenses through the end of 2020
5. Maine Economic Recovery Grant
 - a. We have not been notified
6. Annual Conference 2021
 - a. Nicole offered various virtual options that she and Deb have discussed
 - b. Debbie Gendreau and Lisa Thompson will not be serving on the conference committee for 2021
 - c. Tyler Stewart and Amelia Meier will work on conference with Nicole
 - d. Survey MRPA members about participating in a virtual conference
 - e. Suggested regional reps check in with members about virtual conference
 - f. Lisa shared that the NNE conference scheduled for Jan. 2021 has been cancelled
7. Regional Meetings
 - a. Erika to work on a survey for SMART members about potential dates and/or topics
 - b. Debbie will connect with EMPRA members
 - c. Hillary – Northern Maine meets the 1st Wed of each month
8. Youth Sports Committee – Tyler reported
 - a. Committee is working on a youth sports philosophy to share with MRPA members
 - b. Provide monthly training opportunities for youth sport coaches
 - i. Basketball zoom

- ii. Promoting positivity in your programs
- 9. Legislative/Advocacy – Deb shared
 - a. Next meeting is October 15 at 10:30 am
 - b. Goal is that this committee become the face of MRPA advocacy
- 10. WinterKids – Karyn reported that she and Deb met with WinterKids to explore ways that we can collaborate
 - a. WinterKids app – trying to make available to MRPA members for free – check out WinterKids web site for more info on the app
 - b. Snowshoes and Story Walks are available for MRPA communities
- 11. Winter ski ticket program – Deb asked the board if there was interest
 - a. Deb will check with Kate Harris to ask if she would coordinate this program
 - b. Debbie G. shared changes at Saddleback
 - c. Tyler expressed interest in ski ticket program
 - d. Karyn and Deb both connected with Shawnee Peak about what they are offering
- 12. Recognition options – Deb expressed interest in finding a way to recognize P & R professionals for the role they have played in their community during COVID
 - a. Discussion about a video – ask members to submit photos of activities that they are doing now that they weren't doing before March 2020
 - b. Deb will email members asking them to provide a list of how their job has changed
 - c. Debbie G. mentioned that Bangor P & R might be able to help creating a video
 - d. Deb S. will reach out to Saco P & R about assisting with a video
 - e. Video would be shared on social media and MRPA web site
- 13. Membership – creative campaigns - future discussion
 - a. Deb has reached out to 8 long time commercial members asking them to write a testimonial about the importance of belonging to MRPA – 2 responses at this time
- 14. Take A Hike With MRPA – Lisa Thompson coordinating
 - a. Photo contest – Lisa will work on the logistics of this and report back to the board
- 15. November 4, 2020 – as many board members as possible will zoom in with Northern Maine group
- 16. Next meeting – November 12, 2020

Motion to adjourn made by Jen/ 2nd by Nicole at 11:35 am

Minutes provided by Deb Smith