

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 12, 2020 Zoom 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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1. Call To Order MacNeill [10:04a]

Karyn MacNeill Sabrina Best Deb Smith Erika Dube
Jen DeRice Deb Gendreau Doug Beck Joe Crocker
Tyler Stewart Lisa Thompson Nicole Welch Zach Schrock

Absent: Tracy Willette and Hillary Hallett

- 2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes
 - a. DeRice/Thompson; all in favor unanimous
- 3. Treasurer Report
 - a. Joe emailed report
- 4. COVID Budget
 - a. Deb has updated, grant funds should be received soon
- 5. Annual Virtual Conference
 - a. Committee is meeting next week, nothing to report currently
- 6. Discussion of Meetings, recordings, and surveys
 - a. The Board provided Deb with direction on how best to handle any MRPA zoom recordings, survey etc. A Disclaimer that the meeting is recorded or open to the public, for MRPA members only etc. should be provided. This could be done in the chat box vs. being announced for Zoom meetings. NH and VT store items for secretary use but then deleted.
- 7. Sub Committees
 - a. Youth Sports: Tyler provided an update on the committee work; highlight was the Maine CDC updated The Community Sports Guidelines.
 - b. Legislative Advocacy: The Maine Tobacco Free Kids group asked MRPA to join as a partner for their "Flavors Hook Kids" initiative. This group will meet to research and discuss and report back.
 - c. Regional Meetings: MRPA will continue to do Zooms open to all members vs. regions.
- 8. Programming
 - a. Track and Field/Northern Hot Shot: Northern Maine will run a Hot Shot contest with the \$1,000 from Red Claws. Track and Field needs location for Bangor, Brewer is open to helping. Track and Field committee will start meeting to discuss options for 2021 event.
 - b. Take a Hike: Lisa provided a wrap up report.
 - c. MRPA Winter Event: Lisa will work with Deb to collect feedback before organizing a winter event.
- 9. MRPA Promo Video
 - a. On hold currently, Deb is looking for more pictures. Zach will work with commercial members for photos. This is a PSA for Members to provide locally to public.
- 10. Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion
 - a. Deb reported that Nationally this is a movement happening in the Parks and Rec world. There was good discussion around how MRPA and local Parks and Rec dept. can begin to think of these topics and how having these open discussions within our communities.
- 11. Membership
 - a. Discussion around creative ideas or campaigns for members and commercial members to renew or join.
- 12. Other Business None
- 13. Next meeting December 10, 2020 at 10am via ZOOM
- 14. Adjourn (DeRice/Schrock); all in favor unanimous