



NEWPRO Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2019

HOSTED BY:
New London Parks & Recreation
New London Municipal Building
(enter in the North Entrance)
215 N. Shawano Street
New London, WI 54961

9:30am Networking & Refreshments
10:00am Meeting

In Attendance:

Chad Hoerth-New London
Ginger Arndt-New London
Don Goodreau-New London
Reid Fieber-New London
Dan Rammer-MSA
David Roehrig-Ashwaubenon
Matt Hendricks-Shawano
Jen McCollian-Oshkosh
Kathy Snell-Oshkosh
Tony Nowak-Greenville
Chad Dallman-Oshkosh

Steph Schlag-Bellevue
Steph Schott-Neenah
Jim Kluge-Neenah
Brenda Stumpf-Shorewood
Rob Way-Winnebago County
Vicky Redlin-Winnebago County
Trish Nau-ECWRPC
Nate Baldwin-Appleton
Chelsey Latimer-Appleton
Raine Gardener-MSA Via Skype

1. Call to Order

- a. Welcome
- b. Introductions
- c. Host Report- Chad gave a brief rundown of the department, highlighting parks and facilities and the new changes to the department personnel structure.
- d. Presentation: MSA: St. John's Accessible Dock Project- Dan Rammer and Raine Gardener then gave a report on the new dock that was put in at St. John's Park on the Wolf River.

2. Reports

- a. Park Section: Vicky Redlin Gave a brief report, met online in December , last meeting was in January. They are working on boosting attendance at conference by offering a variety of sessions. Next meeting next Thursday, if anyone has any ideas on Conference Sessions contact her asap. The Spring Workshop is April 11 and 12 in Appleton.
- b. Recreation Section: Adrienne Lacy reported via email that they are still looking at securing speakers for the state conference and to contact her with any suggestions for session topics. David Roerig also thanked Nate for his presentation at conference
- c. Aquatics Section: Melody Escoto Tech workshops have been set and they are compiling a list of LG and LG Courses so please contact her if you are holding one at your facility to be put on that list. Nominating 2020 positions, Chair Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Region 2 Rep, Region 4 Rep, Member At Large and a WPRA board liaison. Neenah is doing a LG Instructor Review course April 14.
- d. YPN Section: Adam Breest The YPN is excited to welcome our new members and returning members to new roles! Katie Rodger (Germantown) was elected as representative At-Large, John McDonald (De Pere) was elected as chair-elect, Kristin Grissom (Sun Prairie) was elected as Secretary, and Brooke Friess (Cottage Grove) was elected representative At-Large. The YPN Board meets next week Wednesday via teleconference at 2:00 pm. We are currently working on developing great sessions for the 2019 conference! We also are looking for ideas on modifying our mentorship program that was cancelled for

January – May. Lastly, we are working on creating relationships with the 3 primary universities (UW-La Crosse, Madison Technical College, and UW-Whitewater).

- e. WPRA: Steph Schlag-The board has their next Meeting January 29. WPRA President Chad Dallman talked a little bit about his role now as the President and the reorganization of the WPRA and moving forward with that. His goals for his presidency include continuing the process of being transparent as an organization and to continue to be open and available for all members and their needs. He urged members to contact him whenever they need anything especially when it comes to planning the educational sessions and speakers, emphasizing that it is so important to have good quality speakers to retain the members and their attendance at conference. Making it worth the time and commitment to attend.
- f. Conference and Spring Workshop Updates: See individual reports.
- g. Other (Membership, Awards, nominations, etc.): Leadership Academy Deadline has been extended until Monday, January 21.
- h. NEWPRO Account Balance: Chad Hoerth \$71.86

3. Discussion

If you have any helpful information regarding the discussion items below, please bring copies of the document(s) to the meeting or email to Steph S. to distribute

- a. Policies & procedures for people who are caught vandalizing in community parks? Is it left up for your public safety dept or does Parks and Rec have a role in it as well? Oshkosh has a policy/ordinance to be able to kick people out of parks; New London works closely with Police Department, but does not have an ordinance, Shawano Police Department handles it via trespassing fines, Bellevue works with the Sheriff's department. Winnebago City had a RC plane area, Drones are starting to use that area Sherwood- has a soccer field that people use, but adjacent residents are starting to complain New London- Has an ordinance regulating/restricting drones during special events, no regulations otherwise at this time
- b. Activity guides: how do you distribute? To whom, quantity, etc. Neenah passed out a flyer that they do to supplement the guide, highlighting new and popular programs that may get lost in the guide because of the time delay in having only 2 guides; a summer publication, and then a Fall/Winter/Spring Guide, they use Action Printing. Ashwaubenon does approximately 8000 mailings to all residents, Fall/Winter, Spring/Summer They use MMC. Appleton is doing Spring/Summer, Fall/Winter, they also do direct mailings to households. The guide used to be a combined City Services Guide currently in transition to be just a Recreation Guide. New London works with MMC as well and does approximately 4000 guides, a Summer Guide, a Fall Guide and a Winter/Spring Guide. They only do direct mailings upon request but do have them put into the school districts interschool mail, where they are sent home with all elementary and intermediate students.
- c. Drones. Anyone encountering any problems with them in their parks? Has anyone established take-off and landing areas, or simply state that the park does not have any areas as such. Any and all feedback is welcome. Winnebago Co has as part of their ordinance.
- d. Gender Inclusivity in Recreation Programming and Parks: What is your agency doing so far? Nate Baldwin attended a great session at Project Play that would be perfect for conference. Programs would not be necessarily issues but when it comes to facilities, family changing area no one is currently doing anything but if allowing anyone to use the Family Changing area when they request a gender neutral facility. This would be a great topic for Conference considering the fact that most school districts are addressing the topic. It will be very important to work on gender equity training for staff in-services. Waunakee does have an open locker room, bathroom, changing area in their new facility, not sure if that was done with the topic in mind but it does provide a solution.

- e. Conference calls for NEWPRO meetings WPRA staff member was wondering if they could accommodate conference calls. See what happens based on hosts sites, each host sites technological set up is different. The WPRA no longer has the Go To Meeting subscription allowed to hold conference calls for up to 10 people. If one person is wanting to call into a meeting that is definitely doable with just holding the meeting over speaker phone, but doing a group call would be a little different challenge.
- f. Chelsea Latimer asked about what other departments were doing for 0-5 year old early childhood classes? If anyone has any suggestions please contact her. Steph suggested calling Cindy Lee in DePere.

4. Raffle

5. Adjourn

NEWPRO Meeting Schedule for 2019:

February 21: Marinette

March 21: Fox Crossing

April 25 (note date): De Pere

May 16: Manitowoc

Sept 19: Winnebago County

October 17: Ashwaubenon

November: Annual Meeting: Wisconsin Dells

December 19: Neenah