

# NEWPRO MINUTES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Hosted By: City of Green Bay Parks, Recreation & Forestry  
Bay Beach Amusement Park Pavilion  
1313 Bay Beach Road

**ATTENDANCE:** Judy Judd—Shawano, Yvonne Monfils—Appleton, Laura Gorges—New London, Julia Martinson—New London, Chad Hoerth—New London, Amanda Geiser—Town of Menasha, Carrie Ottum—Fond du Lac, Sara King—Howard, Erik Aleson—Marinette County, Trish Nau—ECWRPC, Tom Baron—ECWRPC, Kent Kostelecky—Marinette, Kale Proksch—Oconto, Tom Flick—Little Chute, Al Schaefer—Kimberly, Jody Brooks—Sheboygan, Bill Lecker—Appleton, Ray Maurer—Oshkosh, Rex Mehlberg—Ashwaubenon, Maria Andersen—Ashwaubenon, Juliene Hefter—WPRA, Tony Nowak—Greenville, Tim McGwire—Appleton, Vince Maas—City of Menasha, Dan Ditscheit—Green Bay, Dawne Cramer—Green Bay, Bill Landvatter—Green Bay, Ann Moeller—Green Bay, James Andersen—Green Bay, Pat Baye—Green Bay

- I. **Welcome & Host Report:** Director Bill Landvatter gave a brief overview of some of the major projects happening in the City of Green Bay. A Youth Baseball Complex was just completed with a Dedication Ceremony this past week. Director Lanvdatter also gave a brief overview of the Zippin Pippin Roller Coaster project. Bay Beach Amusement Park is the 9<sup>th</sup> oldest park in the United States. In order to keep with the historic theme of the park, staff wanted to acquire a historic wooden roller coaster. The City purchased some old artifacts, cars and the name, "Zippin Pippin". The actual roller coaster will be a brand new coaster, but since they will be using the same design as the original Zippin Pippin, the roller coaster at Bay Beach, will be considered historic.
- II. **REPORTS:**
  - a. **WPRA (Juliene Hefter and Bill Lecker)**
    - The executive board met in March
    - WPRA has endorsed the promotion of park and recreation agencies implementing services that would be beneficial to servicemen and servicewomen.
    - WPRA is looking for new Commercial Members. Please send information as well as contact information of any possible new members to the WPRA office.
    - To date, 10 new exhibitors for the Trade Show in November
    - Conference Booklet will be mailed out June 1 and will be again printed in the October Impact Magazine
    - WPRA Board would like to actively engage membership in creating revenue sources and fundraising.
  - b. **PARK SECTION (Vince Maas)**
    - Summer Park Tour will be held in the New Richmond/St. Croix area July 21-23.
    - Members are encouraged to nominate an individual for Park Professional and Park Young Professional of the Year.
  - c. **RECREATION (Carrie Ottum)**
    - Members are encouraged to nominate an individual for Recreation Professional and Recreation Young Professional of the Year.
    - Deadline for Silver Star Award is July 30

- Playground Leaders Workshop will be held on June 11 in Appleton (\$8 for WPRA members)
  - Rec Section is looking for Region 2 and 4 representatives, as well as a chair-elect and secretary/treasurer
- d. AQUATICS (Ann Moeller)**
- Members are encouraged to nominate an individual for Aquatics Professional and Young Professional of the Year Awards.
  - Aquatic Seminar to be held on May 21 at the De Pere Community Center
- e. CONFERENCE (Joel Gregozeski)**
- Reminder to put together baskets for this year's Conference. Revenue goes back to the WPRA operating budget
- f. NEWPRO LIFEGUARD COMPETITION**
- No Report

### III. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. MILITARY FAMILY WAIVERS**
- WPRA Board supports discounts and passed resolution
  - Appleton's Park Committee just passed a 50% fee reduction on program costs (this does not include daily admission fees)
- b. NEWPRO REVENUE GENERATING IDEAS**
- Is there a number we're shooting for?
  - WPRA Executive Committee is looking for events that would be sustainable from one year to another
  - One possible idea would be a Region II Walk/Run

### IV. DISCUSSION

- a. SEPARATION OF RECYCLABLES AND TRASH**
- Question was presented to find out what people are doing for major events and how do you separate recyclables?
  - Appleton makes their own recycling containers for about \$40 a piece. Otherwise you can order a Clear Stream Cycle Max Container for around \$50 a piece.
  - Outagamie County will lend containers for any special events.
  - Little Chute is putting out their automated Poly Carts out at one of their parks on a trial basis this summer.
- b. CONCESSION STANDS**
- In Green Bay, there have been requests from Soccer Groups and Youth Leagues to put up Concession Stands to use as fundraisers.
  - Discussion ensued regarding different concession stands at Ashwaubenon regarding layout, organization and profits earned
- c. GRAFFITI**
- Discussion ensued regarding what different communities are doing regarding graffiti cleanup. Appleton uses a product called Elephant Snot. You apply the Elephant Snot to the graffiti, let sit and power wash. Appleton has had a lot of luck with this product. Greenville just installed cameras on a pedestrian trail to eliminate graffiti. Appleton has also sealed brick walls. There is a slight discoloration (darkening) to the areas where the sealer is used and it only takes about 3 pressure washes before it starts to wear off
- d. POOL IN-SERVICES**

- Discussion ensued regarding what different aquatic facilities are doing to get the staff in the water practicing skills. Little Chute schedules staff once every 2 weeks on Friday mornings for mandatory training. New London is a year round facility and they do 4 in-services a year. They have done relay races and scavenger hunts to practice skills. Juliene Hefter stated that there will be a new World Health Aquatic Code where they will be recommending 4 hours per month of training. This will be a recommended standard of care.

**e. SOFTBALL LEAGUES**

- Discussion regarding the use of yellow balls. Menasha is using white balls until they're gone. Ashwaubenon is using yellow balls for their co-ed leagues
- Discussion regarding 10 run rule: Little Chute is 15 after 4 innings and 10 after 5 innings. Fond du Lac has a rule of 12 runs after 5 innings and 10 after 6 innings. Marinette has a 5 home run rule per game.
- Question asked whether anyone has teams sanctioned through ASA. Ashwaubenon sanctions their Men's Modified League. A \$20 fee is built into the sponsor fee and each team receives a rule book and packet from ASA

**f. OTHER**

- Fond du Lac asked if anyone sent individual flyers out to schools regarding each summer sport clinic. Sheboygan and Neenah does. Neenah puts all camps on one flyer, whereas Sheboygan and Fond du Lac have individual flyers for each clinic