



Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association

Park Section Meeting Minutes

Appleton, Wisconsin

January 8, 2008



I. Call To Order

G. Pinney called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

II. Roll Call

Attending: Kathy Gruentzel, Bob Rafel, George Pinney, Chad Brown, Tim McGuire, Dave Mehls, Matt Amundson, Steve Brunner, Ray Maurer, Juliene Hefter

Excused: Cindy Robles, Jeff Gorman, Duane Hofstetter

Guests:

III. Minutes

Minutes from the December 14, 2007 meeting were reviewed. K. Gruentzel made a motion to accept; second by B. Rafel. Motion approved.

IV. Reports

a. Chair report

G. Pinney reported that there is a Call for Nominations for the WPRAs Board.

Additionally, two vouchers were not turned into the WPRAs office before the end of the year (\$490 for the Summer Park Tour favors and \$600 the Chula Vista for room reservations). The Park Section would like to see a change to the accounting practices to allow monies from previous year's budgets to be spent according to standard accounting practices. For future years, all vouchers are to be given to the Park Section President before the December meeting.

Finally, the Park Section Rules of Organization should be reviewed after the Park Section Board Manual and adopted into that manual as an addendum.

b. Chair Elect report

No report.

c. Past Chair report

B. Rafel reported that the Spring Workshop is on schedule and outlines of the presentations should be forthcoming from the speakers. Information will be forwarded to Matt Amundson for inclusion on the flyers.

d. Secretary/Treasurer's report

Year to date budget was discussed and the final 2007 vouchers reviewed.

e. Region 1

D. Mehls reported that Region 1 will meet in Stevens Point.

f. Region 2

T. McGuire reported that NEWPRO discussed lifeguard vision tests (rules stating lifeguards must have 20/30 corrected vision) and their necessity. This may be a topic that CIVMIC can discuss at the Spring Workshop as it relates to liability.



Secondly, Eco Municipalities are a topic of discussion. City of Neenah has passed ordinances that will require that they reduce their fossil fuel usage. Options for municipalities to use may become a hot topic in years to come.

- g. Region 3
No report.
- h. Region 4
No report.
- i. Rep at Large
No report.
- j. Rep at Large
R. Maurer would like the judging of the Park Design Awards to be investigated for changes in the coming years. Ray will work with the Emeritus group to streamline the types of awards given out and have a recommendation by the next meeting.
- k. State Park Subsection
No report.
- l. Committee Reports
Urban Forestry – No report.

Conference Committee – G. Pinney relayed C. Robles report. Cindy would like each committee member to forward two topics and speakers for the Annual Conference by January 18, 2008.

Summer Park Tour rates will be as follows:

- \$80 WPRAs members
- \$65 Spouse
- \$40 Children
- \$100 non-member

M. Amundson made a motion to approve the 2008 Summer Park Tour fees; R. Maurer seconded. Unanimously approved.

WPRAs Report – J. Hefter stated that March 15 will be the deadline for conference topics and speakers. Also, the office assistant is leaving and a new employee, Kay Kron, will be starting.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Spring Conference Update
Information will be forwarded to M. Amundson for inclusion on the advertising flyer for the conference. CEU information needs to be forwarded to the WPRAs office for approval.
- b. Park Section Board Manual
G. Pinney formed a committee consisting of Bob Rafel, Lynda Schmidt, and Ray Maurer to complete the review of the manual.

VI. New Business

- a. Zoo Subsection

The Zoo Subsection needs to be re-defined in the Rules of Organization and Park Section Board Manual.

VII. Other Business

R. Maurer stated that Marian College is looking for applicants for a teaching position related to the Park & Rec field.

T. McGuire asked about the possibility of having teleconferencing to allow those who cannot attend a meeting to have input. B. Rafel will check on hardware that the Park Section will test.

Nominations for the Park Section Board are welcomed from the membership.

VIII. Adjournment

K. Gruentzel made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 am; second by B. Rafel. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chad D. Brown".

Chad D. Brown, Park Section Secretary