



Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association

Park Section Annual Meeting Minutes

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

March 13, 2008



I. Call To Order

G. Pinney called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm.

II. Roll Call

Attending: Bob Rafel, George Pinney, Chad Brown, Dave Mehls, Steve Brunner, Duane Hofstetter, Jeff Gorman, Steve Peterson

Excused: Cindy Robles, Ray Maurer, Kathy Gruentzel, Matt Amundson

III. Minutes

Minutes from the March 8, 2007 Annual Meeting were reviewed. D. Mehls made a motion to accept; second by B. Rafel. Motion approved.

Minutes from the February 19, 2008 meeting were reviewed. J. Gorman made a motion to accept; second by D. Mehls. Motion approved.

IV. Reports

a. Chair report

G. Pinney reported that the WPRAs Board and President-Elect Marty Kosobucki are working on finding college liaisons to expose WPRAs to students. Juliene Hefter continues to work towards forming a Friends of WPRAs group. The board is also discussing teleconferencing to alleviate travel problems for some members.

b. Chair Elect report

No report.

c. Past Chair report

B. Rafel presented an idea to have vendors begin their own foundation to provide WPRAs members scholarships to attend conferences, etc. The Park Section would instead like to see an addition to the WPRAs membership form that would allow members to designate funds to go directly to the WPRAs Foundation for additional scholarships.

d. Secretary/Treasurer's report

Year to date budget was presented and is identical to last meeting's budget.

e. Region 1

D. Mehls reported that Region 1 met in Ladysmith and enjoyed a presentation on splash pads.

f. Region 2

No report.

g. Region 3

No report.

h. Region 4


S. Brunner relayed that SEPRC met in Menomonee Falls and toured their facility. The dates and rates for the 2009 Spring Workshop were presented with a slight preference for the \$84, unlimited room.

- i. Rep at Large
D. Hofstetter has still received no response from the Governor's Office in regards to the Stewardship program. We continue to wait and see what the elected officials will do with the "nature-based" component of the program that continues to hamper efforts by WPRA members to improve parks in their jurisdiction.
- j. Rep at Large
No report.
- k. State Park Subsection
No report.
- l. Committee Reports
Urban Forestry – No report.


Conference Committee – G. Pinney relayed C. Robles report that everything is running smoothly towards the Conference and Summer Park Tour.

WPRA Report – No report.

V. Unfinished Business

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- a. Spring Workshop Update
The workshop went well and the Park Section looks towards the 2009 Spring Workshop again to be held at Chula Vista.
 - b. Park Section Board Manual
Tabled.
 - c. Park Design Awards Update
C. Brown will send out the email that was previously sent out regarding options presented by R. Maurer for further discussion. Members need to respond by
 - d. State Association Governance
G. Pinney is concerned with the direction that the WPRA Board Governance issue is heading. A survey was sent out only to Professional Members (excluding Students and Commercial members) in which 87% of those who responded indicated that they thought the WPRA Board was too large. It is unclear who began the discussion or where a problem lies with the governance of the board.

Four options will be presented at the Region meetings and a vote will take place through the membership to adopt one of these options.



D. Mehls made a motion to have the Park Section adopt Option 1 of those presented with the addition of the Student Section to take affect in 2010 and noting a change in WPRA By-Laws for all sections. B. Rafel seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

G. Pinney is going to write an alert for distribution to all Park Section members in regards to this issue.

VI. New Business

- a. 2009 Spring Workshop Date Confirmation

D. Hofstetter made a motion to accept February 26, 2009 at the Chula Vista for next year's Spring Workshop at the \$62 single rate (\$8 each additional occupant). J. Gorman seconded; carried unanimously. The meeting rooms are included free with this deal presented by Chula Vista.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment

D. Hofstatter made a motion to adjourn at 3:32 pm; second by S. Brunner. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Chad D. Brown, Park Section Secretary