



# Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association

Park Section Meeting Minutes

New Berlin, Wisconsin

December 14, 2007



## I. Call To Order

B. Rafel called the meeting to order at

## II. Roll Call

Attending: Kathy Gruentzel, Bob Rafel, George Pinney, Cindy Robles, Chad Brown, Tim McGuire, Lynda Schmidt, Kelley Woldanski, Dave Mehls, Matt Amundson, Steve Brunner

Excused: Duane Hofstetter, Ray Maurer

Guests:

## III. Minutes

Minutes from the September 18, 2007 meeting were reviewed. C. Robles made a motion to accept; second by D. Mehls. Motion approved.

## IV. Reports

### a. Chair report

B. Rafel reported that the March 13, 2008 Spring Workshop topic will be two-part with CIVMIC presenting a four hour session on Park Safety and Maintenance. There will be no cost for this session. The afternoon session will last 2.5 hours and will include a presentation by the Pleasant Prairie Facility Director on their enterprise business.

Fees need to be submitted to WPRA by January. K. Woldanski made a motion to approve fees as follows:

- \$50 member
- \$60 non-member
- \$40 student member
- \$50 student non-member

C. Robles seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The Park Section Annual Meeting will once again be held at the Spring Workshop 15 minutes after the last session concludes. Room rates at Chula Vista will be good for members through the weekend.

B. Rafel awarded Lynda Schmidt a plaque for her service with the Park Section Board. Thanks Lynda!

L. Schmidt awarded Bob Rafel a plaque for his role as Park Section President in 2007. Thanks to you Bob.

### b. Chair Elect report

G. Pinney handed out the 2008 Park Section Meeting schedule. Section goals will be formed and forwarded to members and WPRA.

### c. Past Chair report





L. Schmidt mentioned that Young Professional of the Year, Guy Smith, wanted to be a part of helping the Park Section. He will be contacted.


d. Secretary/Treasurer's report

Year to date budget was discussed. K. Gruentzel will forward the number of DNR memberships that need to be sponsored; approximately \$850 for 2008

L. Schmidt needs to reallocate approximately \$900 to Rec Section for revenues mis-allocated from the Spring Workshop.

 C. Robles has secured a contract for busing during the Summer Park Tour. K. Gruentzel made a motion to approve \$2700 for busing to be paid this year, for the 2008 Summer Park Tour. L. Schmidt seconded; motion approved unanimously.

 K. Woldanski made a motion to pay up to \$500 for 2008 Summer Park Tour favors to be paid this year (favors will be screen printed water bottles). D. Mehls seconded; approved unanimously.

 K. Woldanski made a motion to pay up to \$1100 to Chula Vista for costs (room rental, food, etc.) associated with the 2008 Spring Workshop from the 2007 budget. L. Schmidt seconded; approved unanimously.

2008 Park Section Committee roster was handed out for additions and corrections to be made.

e. Region 1

D. Mehls reported that their last meeting was in LaCrosse on October 3. Eight individuals will be attending the Leadership Academy from Region I. Topics of discussion included festivals and events and the financial impact on departments as well as local brewery's affects on departments.

Travel times for Region I members was also brought up and they are asking that WPRA look at realignment.

f. Region 2

No report.

g. Region 3

C. Robles reported that Region III spoke about publicity and marketing as well as pool-related issues at their last meeting.

h. Region 4

K. Woldanski reported that SEPRC had their holiday meeting on December 7. Additionally, if Park Section would like to do another Pre-Conference Institute, she would be willing to help set it up with Dave Emanuelson again.

i. Rep at Large

No report.

j. Rep at Large

No report.

k. State Park Subsection

K. Gruentzel stated that new park stickers and trail stickers will be available at an increased cost for 2008.

I. Committee Reports

Urban Forestry – No report.

Conference Committee – C. Robles attended the Conference Committee meeting in Wisconsin Dells December 13. Topics need to be addressed right away and G. Pinney will email former topics.

M. Amundson mentioned that the Whitewater Administrator questioned the high cost of the WPRA Annual Conference and that it should be addressed.

Finally, vendors have requested to be on the bus during Summer Park Tour. Park Section should look to charge them for that opportunity.

WPRA Report – No report.

V. **Unfinished Business**

a. Spring Conference Topic Approval

Discussed above.

b. 2007 Annual Conference Review

Conference evaluations were emailed.

c. Park Section Board Manual

Discussion tabled.

One comment was made that on page 12 of the manual, it states that revenues exceeding expenditures should be attained. The Park Section will change this to reflect actual desires of the membership that revenues should **MEET** expenditures.

VI. **New Business**

a. Annual Conference/Park Design Awards

Evaluations seem to indicate that something needs to be done to reinvigorate the Park Design Awards.

b. New Park Section Officers

Officers were introduced.

VII. **Other Business**

None.

VIII. **Adjournment**

K. Woldanski made a motion to adjourn at 12:15 pm. Seconded by S. Brunner; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad D. Brown, Park Section Secretary