



Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association

Park Section Board Minutes

Platteville, Wisconsin

February 20, 2007



I. Call To Order

B. Rafel called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

II. Roll Call

Attending: Kathy Gruentzel, Duane Hofstetter, Kelley Woldanski, Bob Rafel, Cindy Robles, George Pinney, Jeff Gorman, Dave Mehls, Chad Brown,

Excused: Lynda Schmidt, Tim McGuire

III. Minutes

Minutes from the January 9, 2007 meeting were reviewed. K. Woldanski moved to accept; second by D. Hofstetter. Motion approved.

IV. Reports

a. Chair report

B. Rafel spoke about the Park District issue and how it is still unresolved within WPRAs. He has asked to be on the Park District Task Force and will keep us informed about any actions.

b. Chair Elect report

No report.

c. Past Chair report

No report.

d. Secretary/Treasurer's report

C. Brown gave the Treasurer's Report. D. Mehls moved to accept Treasurer's Report; second by J. Gorman. Motion approved.

A draft of the Stewardship Program renewal was disseminated. The board asked that a schedule of the various components of Stewardship be distributed through the WPRAs office. A new issue that is of significance is language within the renewal that makes it necessary for anyone getting Stewardship money to open up the land for hunting. This could effectively cut small and urban communities out of Stewardship once again.

e. Region 1

D. Mehls reported that Region 1 met January 24 in Chippewa Falls. Duane Hofstetter's Stewardship information was passed out and discussed at length.

Several Region I members attended the Leadership Conference through Aurora University and had excellent comments about it. D. Mehls asked that the Park Section make available scholarships so more can attend this conference.

f. Region 2

No report.

g. Region 3

C. Robles was unable to attend the last Region II meeting but D. Hofstetter reported that the DNR presented the Land Legacy report at length. Canopy Tree Service also presented some new technologies for urban forestry.

h. Region 4

K. Woldanski was unable to attend but C. Brown was able to report that the Park Districting issue was discussed with no resolution.

i. Rep at Large

D. Hofstetter asked that comments be sent to the Natural Resources Board by February 21 in regards to the Stewardship Program. Many of the past issues of renewal are being supported but there is still no mention of nature-based and it's affect on the program.

j. Rep at Large

No report.

k. State Park Subsection

K. Gruentzel said that the DNR still has no director at this time.

l. Committee Reports

Urban Forestry – J. Gorman reported that they have a meeting February 21 and that the Urban Forestry Conference in Green Bay went very well.

Park Conference Committee - G. Pinney deferred to K. Woldanski. K. Woldanski has completed set up of the Pre-Conference Institute on project management. The costs have been set and Juliene has all the information for WPRA to advertise this four hour Institute. It will be \$50 for WPRA members and \$65 for non-members to attend. K. Woldanski will be making up flyers to hand out at the Spring Workshop.

G. Pinney continued that he has six topics wrapped up with speakers and time slots. The deadline for final preparations will be at the end of March.

J. Gorman mentioned that the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point facilities manager would like to talk on turf management. This may become a part of the Summer Park Tour in 2008; C. Robles will contact him.

WPRA Report – No report.

V. Unfinished Business

a. Update on Summer Park Tour

G. Pinney distributed the flyer that Tim McGuire created for the Summer Park Tour. It is not a final draft yet and not intended for distribution.

b. Stewardship Program Update

Comments were made in the report sections and focus around the nature-based qualification and open access to hunting requirement. Members are urged to continue to contact their elected officials.

c. 2007 Annual Conference Topics

G. Pinney went through the topics in his report.

VI. New Business

a. Standardization of Contracts for Goods/Services

B. Rafel will be putting together for the WPRA membership, templates for various RFP's and equipment purchase to be posted to the WPRA website. By standardizing these

documents, it will make it easier for members to receive competitive bids and lessen the workload or drafting these documents. He will try and have many of these done before the Annual Conference and have general costs for equipment posted to assist departments in budgeting.

- b. Member/Consumer Reports for Goods/Services
 - B. Rafel will begin work on gathering opinions and reports on various companies, products, and services for use by departments in purchasing these services.
- c. WPRM Member on Council on Forestry
 - A representative has not been found for appointment. B. Rafel will contact Steve Thompson to inquire about the requirements for this appointment.

VII. Other Business

B. Rafel reported that WPRM will not be allowing scholarships to be given to any member of the Park Section Board. The WPRM auditors ruled that this would endanger the non-profit status of the organization.

The Park Section needs clarification on this development and asks that since the money was given to the WPRM Foundation, that there is no conflict of interest for these scholarships to be given out to any member of WPRM.

B. Rafel will ask that Steve Thompson be present at our next meeting to report on the following:

- Full list of scholarships available
- Who these scholarships are available through
- How much money is available through these scholarships
- The requirements for these various scholarships

VIII. Adjournment

K. Gruentzel made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 am. Seconded by D. Mehls; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad D. Brown, Park Section Secretary