



Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association

Park Section Annual Meeting Minutes

Appleton, Wisconsin

July 18, 2007



I. Call To Order

B. Rafel called the meeting to order at 10:20 am

II. Roll Call

Attending: Kathy Gruentzel, Duane Hofstetter, Bob Rafel, George Pinney, Cindy Robles, Jeff Gorman, Chad Brown, Tim McGuire, Lynda Schmidt

Excused: Kelley Woldanski, Dave Mehls,

Guests: Juliene Hefter, Joe McLafferty

III. Minutes

Minutes from the May 15, 2007 meeting were reviewed. L. Schmidt made a motion to accept with changes; second by J. Gorman. Motion approved.

IV. Reports

a. Chair report

b. Chair Elect report

c. Past Chair report

Upcoming elections were discussed and Region Representatives are being sought.

d. Secretary/Treasurer's report

Year to date budget was discussed and report was approved.

e. Region 1

No report.

f. Region 2

Tim McGuire reported that the Summer Tour was in progress.

g. Region 3

C. Robles reported that the 2008 Summer Park Tour is scheduled for July 23 – 25 in Platteville.

h. Region 4

No report.

i. Rep at Large

D. Hofstetter reports below.

j. Rep at Large

No report.

k. State Park Subsection

K. Gruentzel reported that the state parks are chipping and burning all wood brought into the parks due to Emerald Ash Borer.

Additionally, Dave Borznick has been named State Parks Director.

I. Committee Reports

Urban Forestry – No report.

Conference Committee – G. Pinney reported that all conference scheduling and speakers are on task. J. Hefter added that contracts are into the office and are being finalized.

C. Brown and B. Rafel will be the liaisons to the 2008 Conference Committee until the President Elect is chosen.

WPRA Report – J. Hefter asked that WPRA Week Great America tickets be turned into the office. For the future, Mt. Olympus and the Milwaukee County Zoo will offer tickets year-round.

WPRA President Elect Joe McLafferty added that the Park Districting language has changed and members should review these changes.

V. **Unfinished Business**

a. Stewardship Program Update

D. Hofstetter handed out a letter that was sent to Representative Sandy Pope-Roberts in regards to the “nature-based” issue of Stewardship. There has still been no response from most of the legislators that have been contacted.

b. 2007 Annual Conference Topics

Reported above.

VI. **New Business**

a. Appointment of Ray Maurer to Assume Representative at Large Position

L. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Ray Maurer to fill the vacated Representative at Large seat. K. Gruentzel seconded that motion; motion carried unanimously.

b. 2008 Budget

G. Pinney handed out the 2008 Budget noting changes that have been to line items for the Spring Workshop and Park Tour. Money was added to the marketing and board recognition.

C. Robles made a motion to accept the 2008 Budget as written. Second made by G. Pinney; motion carried unanimously.

VII. **Other Business**

J. Hefter asked that the Park Section review the Board Manual that has been started.

The question was raised that we may want to look at making the Past-President liaison to the Conference Committee rather than the President-Elect.

VIII. **Adjournment**

G. Pinney made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Seconded by D. Hofstetter; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad D. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Chad D. Brown, Park Section Secretary