

WTRS OPEN MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, January 17th, 2007
10:30 A.M.
WPRA Office, Greendale, WI

All members and visitors are welcome to come and listen or participate in our meetings

- I. Call to order, roll call and introductions

2007 WTRS Board Members
Past Chair – Connie Geishardt, Winnebago Mental Health Institute
Chair – Kristin Ruprecht, Central WI Center
Chair-Elect – Erin Winch, LakeView RecPlex
Secretary/Treasurer – Jennifer Fahey, Mendata Mental Health Institute
- II. Acceptance of excused absences and proxies
- III. Additions to the agenda
- IV. Approval of minutes (December 13th, 2006)
- V. Treasurer’s Report – Jennifer Fahey, MMHI & Deb Mielke, Sandridge
- VI. Chairperson’s Report – Kristin Ruprecht, CWC
A. Kristin will discuss information in the Old Business/New Business Section of the meeting.
- VII. Past Chairperson’s Report – Laura Mooney, Milwaukee Recreation & Connie Geishardt, WMHI
- VIII. Region Reports
- IX. Old Business/New Business

A. WPRA Website – Continue to utilize the site. The site is a great communication tool. Send information to be placed on the

website to Juliene. You can renew your membership online, as well. We would like to have a designated person to be in charge of making sure the website is updated with WTRS information.

B. Future Conference/Workshop Ideas

1. The 2007 Conference “Riding the Wave to Success” will be held in Wisconsin Dells at the Kalahari Resort. WTRS will have the opportunity to provide 18 hours of educational sessions, between 2 rooms – which is what each section is being provided. Deadline for speaker information is March 15th, 2007. Please contact a board member if you have ideas/suggestions for next year’s conference. The Board welcomes your input!! Registration for speakers is being done on-line for 2007. Possibly have one speaker lined up already – discuss with Juliene.
2. Ideas for workshops in the next year? We are looking for WTRS members to help with planning of a possible workshop in 2008. The Park and Recreation Sections generally have a spring workshop together, and it has been held in Wisconsin Dells. Maybe we could join with them in 2008.
3. ATRA Annual Conference will be held in Milwaukee September 9-12, 2007. Kristin is in the beginning stages of contacting Patti Thomas, Local Host Committee chair, and Dawn De Vries, ATRA Director of Continuing Education and Research, for information with regards to assistance from WTRS .

C. Scholarships are available to professionals and students to attend conferences and workshops. Please check the website for scholarships and grants. This is a great member benefit.

D. Fundraising Ideas for 2007 – possibly during TR week, which is in July. Connie will work on coordinating a Brat Fry from Pick N Save in Oshkosh during the summer of 2007.

E. Impact Magazine Articles – Connie will talk with the keynote speaker, Juliette Rizzo, to see if she would be willing to write an article related to her presentations at the conference. Please contact a Board member if you are interested in writing an article or know of someone who would be willing to write something related to our field. This is a great way to promote Therapeutic Recreation and share information with others.

(?) Chris Cavart article

F. Connie will be the Conference Committee member, representing WTRS for the 2007 Conference. We encourage members to come to the WTRS Board meetings and if you would like to host a meeting, please contact a board member.

G. Juliene will be working with Connie during the next year to develop a booklet with information about WTRS, expectations of Board Members, etc.

H. Medicare reimbursement information was presented by Dr. Navar during the meeting at the conference. If you have any questions regarding this issue, you can contact Dr. Navar at UW-L.

I. Other information

1. Legislative Alert regarding creating park districts
2. December member reminders
3. Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2007 – February 7, 2007
4. Park and Recreation Section Updates
5. WPRA Foundation – A great way to support WPRA. A Milwaukee Brewer Tailgate Party is being planned for Sunday, May 6, 2007
6. Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities Easter Seals Kindcare Southeastern WI 30th Annual Snowmobile Festival Saturday, Feb 3 11:00-7:00 P.M. at Wil-O-Way Underwood Recreation Center, Wauwatosa
7. Park and Recreations Nights with the Milw Bucks; contact Morgan Anderson-Reed at 414-227-0506 for questions regarding group tickets.

K. Set dates for 2007 WTRS meetings

X. Adjournment