

WTRS OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 14th, 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 and roll call

2007 WTRS Board Members

Past Chair – Connie Geisthardt, Winnebago Mental Health Institute

Chair – Kristin Ruprecht, Central Wisconsin Center

Chair-Elect – Erin Winch, LakeView RecPlex

Secretary/Treasurer – Jennifer Fahey, Mendota Mental Health Institute

In attendance: Steve Thompson, Laura Gross-Klaus, Juliene Hefter, and Laura Mooney.

II. Acceptance of excused absences and proxies: Deb Mielke

III. Additions to the agenda

IV. Approval of minutes (January 17, 2007): No Changes

V. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Fahey, MMHI: \$670.00 from membership, \$2,000 for conference, no change from last meeting.

VI. **Conference Committee Report – Connie Geisthardt, WMHI**

VII. Chairperson's Report – Kristin Ruprecht, CWC

A. WPRA Website – Renew your membership online; new members can register online, also. Send information to be placed on the website to Juliene. There was a 3% increase in the number of members who utilized the website in 2006 from 2005. Email questions to Juliene for membership input.

Website host has changed. The change of host will make the site easier to use. Last year the WPRA website had almost 4 million hits.

The highest hit page on the website was the job listing page. If you would like to post a full-time job please contact Juliene for more information. You can post a job for \$75.00 a month and internships for \$35.00 a year.

B. WPRA Conference – The 2007 Conference “Riding the Wave to Success” will be held in Wisconsin Dells at the Kalahari Resort. Thank you to everyone who has contacted speakers for the conference. Time slots for speakers were set and confirmed. Kristin will be checking with MSCR about speaking on the topic of adult activities. You can register on-line for the conference now.

C. Scholarships are available through WPRA for professionals and students to attend conferences and workshops. You can apply twice a year. Please check the website for scholarships and grants. This is a great member benefit.

D. ATRA conference – In Milwaukee, WI, Sept 9-12. Kristin has contacted the Social Committee chair and is waiting to hear back in regards to volunteer opportunities. They are also looking for people with connections to companies such as Miller, Harley, OshKosh B’Gosh, etc., to donate items for the conference. Please contact Patty Thomas, pthomas@uwm.edu, if you know someone at a company that is willing to provide donations.

During the meeting we brainstormed several ideas: Lakefront Discovery, World, boat rides, Summer Fest grounds and Brewer’s Baseball game if they are in town.

Kristin is asking for volunteers to do a morning wellness group. Please let her know if you are interested in doing this or know someone who would be.

E. 35th Annual Midwest Symposium on TR & Adapted Physical Activity – April 22-24, 2007 at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet in St. Louis, MO. Further information can be found at <http://muconf.missouri.edu>

F. Fundraising Ideas for 2007 – Discussed Brat Fry at Pick N Save in Oshkosh (North side of Oshkosh off Jackson Street) during the summer. Contact Connie if you are interested in helping. The date is yet to be determined.

G. Impact Magazine Articles – Next deadline is May 15 for the June 1 issue. Consider writing an article that highlights your work in TR. Please try to have your articles submitted by May 1st if possible.

H. Medicare reimbursement information was presented by Dr. Navar during the annual WTRS meeting. Dr. Navar shared with me that Senator Herb Kohl signed on, but Senator Russ Feingold did not.

I. Other information

1. Legislative Alert regarding creating park districts
2. WPRA Board/Section updates- see e-mail from Kristin
3. WPRA Foundation – A great way to support WPRA. A Milwaukee Brewer Tailgate Party is being planned for Sunday, May 6, 2007 (Look for more information on WPRA website)

VIII. Past Chairperson's Report – Connie Geisthardt, WMHI

- i. Possible workshop: adventure and movement. Possibly next spring, contact Connie with any suggestions.
- ii. If you have any recommendations regarding TR related vendors for the next conference contact a board member from WTRS.

IX. Adjournment

Laura Mooney made a motion to adjourn. Kristin Ruprecht seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Fahey, CTRS WTRS Secretary