

WTRS OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 17th, 2007

10:30am.

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, Mendota Mental Health Institute
In attendance: Laura Gross-Klaus, Steve Thompson, Deb Mielke

- II. Acceptance of excused absences and proxies: Juliene Hefter and Laura Mooney

- III. Additions to the agenda: Acceptance of new Secretary/Treasurer, Jenny Fahey, MMHI

- IV. Approval of minutes (December 13th, 2006): No Changes. Kristin Ruprecht motioned to approve the minutes. Laura Gross-Klaus 2nd. Minutes approved.

- V. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Fahey, MMHI & Deb Mielke, Sandridge: \$670 from membership, \$2,000 conference; no change from last meeting

- 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/Conference Committee

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 20 hours of educational sessions, between 2 rooms – which is what each section is being provided. Deadline for speaker information is March 31th, 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.

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.

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 .

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.

IX. Old Business/New Business

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.

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. To obtain more information, go to the WPRRA website, click on 'foundation', go to student conference or grant scholarship application and fill out the application form. You must be a member to apply.

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.

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.

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

Dr. Navar presented Medicare reimbursement information during the meeting at the conference. If you have any questions regarding this issue, you can contact Dr. Navar at UW-L. Kristin is checking with Dr. Navar for updates.

Legislative Alert regarding creating park districts; information on the WPRRA website

Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2007 – February 7, 2007. This is an opportunity for UW students to visit professionals at worksites. If you are interested in hosting a student, go to the WPRRA website for more information and register yourself. Students will be choosing where they would like to visit and contact you.

Park and Recreation Section Updates; Kristin will be sending out section updates to get member input.

WPRA Foundation – A great way to support WPRA. A Milwaukee Brewer Tailgate Party is being planned for Sunday, May 6, 2007. This will be a family event and great way to meet other members.

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. This event will run with or without snow.

Park and Recreation's Nights with the Milwaukee Bucks; contact Morgan Anderson-Reed at 414-227-0506 for questions regarding group tickets. The games are scheduled for 2/27, 3/17, and 4/9.

2007 WTRS meeting dates: 3/14, 5/16, 8/8, 9/5, 10/10, and 12/5. All meetings are on Wednesdays at 10:30 at the Greendale office.

X. Adjournment

Kristin Ruprecht made a motion to adjourn. Jenny Fahey seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Fahey, CTRS WTRS Secretary
Mendota Mental Health Institute