**New Hampshire Recreation & Parks Association**

**January 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Attitash Grand Summit – 5 pm**

Present: Christine Collins, Scott Blewitt, Brooke Wakefield, Dyana Martin, Donna Kuethe, Justin Chaffee, Holly Farber, Wendy Werner, Tara Tower, Herb Greene, Aimee Gigandet, Arene Berry, Steph Sweeney, Renee Sangermano, Chris Dillon, Craig Fraley, Peter Waugh, Krystal Alpers, Rick Alpers, Timothy Goodwin, Rick Desharnais, Jessica Tennis, Tara Barker, Eric Feldbaum, Matt Casparius, Nate Trauntvein, Meaghan Spaulding, Dan Sturgeon, Dan MacLean, Melissa Shaw, Leslie Dion

***Call to Order***

President Andy Bohannon called the meeting to order at 5 pm.

Financial Report: Chris Dillon reports that we have $9,045.20 in our savings account; $13,117.76 in checking; $18,560.17 in one CD and $5,098.45 in another CD. Our total net assets are $45,592.59. He also provided us with a copy of the 2015-16 budget *Dyana Martin thanked Chris for his work as Treasurer and moved to accept the report. Peter Waugh seconded and the motion passed.*

Secretary’s Report: The December 4, 2015 minutes were reviewed. *Herb Greene moved to accept the minutes.. Tara Tower seconded and the motion passed.*

Executive Director’s Report: Kerry reports that we are looking good on membership. We have 20 Commercial member renewed and 13 in the process of an invoice being sent. We will be doing a new commercial membership drive beginning in January. We have 4 VIP members and 177 Professional members. Of that number 21 are new members; 115 are current renewed; 16 Honorary; 13 UNH students. We have 13 not at their renewal date and 25 not renewed to date.

Kerry said that if we have a vendor that we use that is not a member please get their contact info to her so she can contact them. We have the Manchester Monarchs signed on as a VIP member. We will have the opportunity to have a meeting or event there. Capitol Theatre has also reached o ut to Kerry about becoming a VIP member. Please try to use these members.

Fundraising Programs: Sunday, March 13th is Manchester Monarchs Day. They will have activities for us while we are there. We would like to have 100 people and we can get tickets for our communities. Summer consignment ticket program will be starting soon. The 2/12 Professional Development workshop is open for registration now.

We have an opportunity with the Palace Theatre for NHRPA day or summer camp discount program for group trips.

Registration is open for the 2/12 professional development workshop at [www.nhrpa.com](http://www.nhrpa.com). The session is Measuring Recreation Through Evaluation & Assessment.

Newsletter: Kerry said that she is creating a lot of content and would love to have us send her an activity or event with pics that we can send she would love to include it in the newsletter. It will come out on January 19th. There will not be another newsletter until May. Andy said we get a FISH point for submitting an article. Peter thanked Kerry for the great job she has been doing for the Association.

Krystal said that March 26th is the Mental Health First Aid at the TTCC in Bristol and there are a few spots left open. It is a free workshop. Respond to Dan MacLean if you are interested. They can only take 30.

**President’s Report**

Committee Needs: Andy thanked the NNE Committee for their work in putting this conference together and hosting. He said that if you are not a member and have not seen the Park & Rec magazine Donna is included with her efforts for Operation Rec Relief on the front page.

The committees include Membership, Legislative, Awards, Finance, Program, State Conference, NNE Conference, Certification, Youth Sports, Social, Wink Tapply Workshop, FISH, Granite State Track & Field, Scott’s Pitch, Hit & Run.

Andy encouraged people to look at the different committees and try to become involved in some way. As we enter our election year we will be changing over a full slate of officers. Greg is filling the President position as he is our PE but the other position will need to be filled.

Andy said that there was a conversation last night was with a potential commercial member about providing a larger membership discount. NRPA does this with Oriental Trading and Fun Express. The bulk discounts are advantageous for us. Andy & Kerry will be discussing this.

Granite State Track & Field: Andy turned this over to Christine Collins who turned it over to Rick Desharnis to present the info on this. Rick said that for many years it was Hershey Track & Field. When Hershey stopped funding it our Association decided that we wanted to see it continue. We now have all info available on the web. If you google Granite State Track & Field it will take you to the site. The forms can be filled out on-line to make it easier for all. New this year you can enter team names. Last year there was some confusion over who the participants belonged to. This will help to sort that out. This way you can see who has completed their on-line waiver. The Regional meets are Saturday, June 18th with locations to be finalized. One will be Lebanon and the other near the Seacoast. The State Meet will be on Friday, June 24th in Pelham. Rick said they have been a great partner in providing the track and many volunteers. The entire track program is finished before July. They have added a photo section to the website. He said that they have some great photos on there. Christine said that they received feedback that the meet dates were different than they had been in years past. This is why they have made the date on a Saturday this year to accommodate more families. When parents sign up they will get a receipt. We can put it in our advertising that they need to bring the receipt to the first meeting to show they are registered.

Donna said that she thinks the great thing about this is that it is a program of NHRPA. She said that we were short on volunteers last year and she would urge NHRPA members to help if their team is there. She said it is a great way to see how good this program is for our kids. Peter said that there was some hope that we would make this a regional event in the future. Kerry said that this may happen in the future.

Wink Workshop: Les reports that the Workshop will be held on Saturday, June 4th. The Committee is looking at bringing in a nationally recognized speaker, Steve Maguire. We are waiting to hear back on his availability. If we have too many people to be accommodated in Bristol Krystal has offered to host it in Franklin.

Awards: The Awards Committee reported that there are changes coming to the awards that will help people understand what is expected in a submission. The Fab 4 Foto categories have also been updated and will no longer be the four seasons.

Upcoming Dates: Andy said that we have the following upcoming training opportunities. We can expand this list as needed. He asked if there are topics that people would like to see added that are not currently listed. Scott B said that he appreciates these being added and thinks that there will be topics like revolving funds and like issues that could be covered in the future especially since we have many new Directors in the State. Tara Barker said that the Affordable Care Act would be very helpful to have sessions on. Also, with the new education acts that have been passed there may be some benefits or opportunities for camps. Andy suggests we also utilize our networking to find out about topics that we may want more information on.

Tara Barker said that Pitch, Hit & Run information will be coming. May 22nd is the tentative sectional date. Tara will have more info shortly. She said that they had a great turnout of volunteers last year and it would be great to have that again this year. It is a lot of fun….

***Adjournment***

Donna Kuethe moved to adjourn at 5:58 pm. Chris Dillon seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Dion, Secretary