

NHRPA Executive Board Meeting
January 9, 2019
Northern New England Parks & Recreation Conference

Members Present: Meghan Spaulding, Tara Barker, Craig Fraley, Dan MacLean, Tara Tower, Christine Collins, Scott Blewitt, Dyana Martin, Donna Kuethe, Andy Sinwald, Andy Bohannon, Noriko Yoshida-Travers, Aimee Gigandet, Wendy Werner, Arene Berry, David Gill, John Kohlmorgen, Matt Casparius, Janet Horvath, Eric Feldbaum, Kellie DeSimone, Rachel Gasowski, Renee Sangermano, Sarah Hooper, Oliver Anderson, Herb Greene, Erik Bukowski, Peter Waugh (Retired), Melissa Shaw.

Staff Present: Kerry Horne,

Meeting Called to order: 4:45 pm

Approval of Minutes from 12/14/18: David Gill made a motion to approve as presented; 2nd by Dyana Martin. Approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Just past 50% of the way through the year. Income to date is \$42,927.12 and expenses are \$40,753.92 at this point.

Changing Tax Status: We are currently a 501c6 and looking to change to 501c3 to be able to accept donations. The Form 1023 form that we need to complete is too complicated for Arene to complete and we will need an accountant to help us. Kerry Horne said she is going to speak to New Hampshire Municipal Association to see if they may be a resource for us but we may need to spend some money to hire someone.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Eric Feldbaum, 2nd Donna Kuethe. Approved by all.

Executive Director Report: Kerry handed out copies of her report. Membership is currently holding steady although we did pick up 1 new commercial member.

Fundraising: Breathe NH books available to sell now. If you haven't registered your Department yet, you can register on the website and the books will be sent to you.

Workshops: 31 people have signed up for February Camp Hot Topics workshop at Primex so far. The speakers will be the NH Department of Environmental Services and Primex. She is still working on a speaker for the April workshop. She is trying to get a speaker to do an Aquatics session.

The date of the Annual State Conference has been set for Thursday September 19th at the Concord Recreation Department.

Newsletter: Kerry reported that she is still looking for articles for the next newsletter which is going to be a digital flip book.

Presidents Report: Meghan Spaulding reported that Primex has new leadership forum which consists of 5 dates in the spring and provide in depth topics on a number of areas specific to Parks & Recreation.

The final date of the forum is held at the Primex Conference in May. The cost of the program \$199 and registration is now open thru Primex.

Granite State Track & Field: Donna Kuethe reported that the District Meet will be Saturday, June 15th and the State meet will be held on Friday, June 28th at Winnisquam Regional High School. The event has lost some sponsors this year and so they are instituting a new \$5 per athlete fee for district meets which will help keep the event sustainable.

Maintenance Workshop: Kerry provided an update on the Maintenance Workshop. The last few years we have partnered with VT and this year the Executive Board made the decision to separate and do own event. The Committee just met right before this meeting and made the decision that we are going to plan a Fall Maintenance Workshop and are looking at September 5th or September 10th. The goal for the first year will be the keep it simple and offer probably 4 sessions. More information will be send out this spring.

Legislative Update: Eric reported that LWCF Funding has expired and is waiting to be reauthorized. He asked everyone to text "Parks" to 52886 and it finds your legislator and then you can email your legislators with a standardized email about the new to reauthorize funding for LWCF.

Andy Bohannon reported that the NH Municipal Association is going to send out a listing of bills that have been filed. Eric asked that if you are tracking any legislation to send him the bill number and he has a person on staff who can follow their status. He also reported that Jeb Bradley is going to push a bill to develop an office of Outdoor Recreation.

WINK Tapply: Dan reported that the Committee is looking for new members to join the Committee. This year's event will be held on June 1st at the Franklin Recreation Department. Contact Dan MacLean if you would like to join the Committee.

Motion to adjourn: Craig Fraley made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Eric Feldbaum. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.