

NHRPA Executive Board Meeting
January 5, 2023
At the NNERPC at Mt. View Grand Resort, Whitefield, NH at 5:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Executive Board Members Present: David Tovey- President-Elect; Arene Berry- Treasurer; Tara Tower, Secretary; Craig Fraley, Past President.

At Large Members Present: John Kohlmorgen, and Eric Feldbaum.

Members Present: Andy Bohannon, Krystal Alpers, Aimee Gigandet, Dan Sturgeon, Brianne Rafford-Varley, Alyssa Porto, Wendy Werner, Samantha Bontempo, Steve Bourque, Kate Waldo, Donna Kuethe, Becky Thompson, Jen Gusler, Noriko Yoshida Trowers, Christine Collins, Matthew Mansur, Melissa Shaw, Ole Anderson, Herb Greene, Gary Bannon, Caroline Thuma, Rick Alpers, Sam Kerrigan, Dominic Brooks, Daniel Bemis.

Staff Present: Kerry Horne, Executive Director.

- 1) **Meeting called to order:** David called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
 - a. Kerry mentioned that the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports will be tabled until the March 9th business meeting, as this is a more informal meeting.
- 2) **Executive Board introductions – those who are in attendance.** The executive board introduced themselves, during which Arene mentioned that this will be her last two-year term as treasurer.
- 3) **Introductions** - All of the members in attendance introduced themselves, and shared how long they were with their current department.
- 4) **Executive Director's Report:**
 - a. **Work plan for 2023-** Kerry mentioned that the work plan is scheduled to be updated again this year. Kerry added that the Newsletter deadline is January 18th, and asked people to please take a moment to complete their favorite memory or program idea.
 - b. **Coffee talk & Meeting**— February 16th at 9:00 am – Bob Barcelona of Clemson University will be speaking about trends. Kerry mentioned that our March business meeting will be at Cannon Mountain with details to follow, and Arene added that the Aquatic roundtable discussions will be starting again in the spring. Rick mentioned that the Primex Summit will be held in Portsmouth in April.
 - c. **Summer Camp Summit** – Kerry reported that this will possibly be held with the awards ceremony. More information to follow.
 - d. **Playground maintenance workshop interest?** Support was present to support offering this again in the future.
 - e. **Annual Programs – Wink Tapply, GSTF, State Conference** – Wink Tapply has set the 2023 date, GSTF is working on having new communities participate this year, and it was mentioned that people should start the process of submitting awards.
 - f. **Thoughts on new programs** – Kerry asked people to start thinking about this for the next meeting.
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a. **DEI Statement:** Andy reported that the committee came up with the following draft statement. The “New Hampshire Recreation and Parks Association is committed to making diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging a priority towards achieving our mission. We strive to accomplish these common ideals for the betterment of our membership and the communities that they serve.” He asked people to think this over and respond with suggestions by the March meeting.
- 6) **New Business:**
 - a. **2023 Take Care of You!** Kerry reported that this is what she'll be working on this year.

- b. **District Meetings:** Wendy reported that the North Central district met in Bristol last month, and will be meeting in Haverhill for their next meeting.
 - c. **Primex -** Rick reported that they have completed phase 2 of their building renovation, meaning that they now have 3 large training rooms. He added that each session of the supervisor's summit is filling up fast, so if you are nominating someone to participate, register as soon as the notification goes out.
- 7) **Adjournment:** *Arene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. John seconded. All approved.*

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Tower