

## SEPRC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

## SEPRC BUSINESS MEETING

City of Oconomowoc, Oconomowoc Community Center



### HOST REPORT

Special thank you to Craig Hoepfner and the City of Oconomowoc for hosting the January SEPRC meeting at the Oconomowoc Community Center. Craig introduced many staff members and shared about the growth of Oconomowoc and projects throughout downtown and the city.

### BUSINESS MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Dan Zeroth, seconded by Tyler Mentzel

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance:	\$1,274.27
Revenue:	\$270.00 – Holiday Deposit
Expenses:	\$896.06 – Team Escape
	<u>\$830.06 – Awards</u>
Ending Balance:	\$1,100.06

Treasurer's Report Approval: Motion by Holly Glainyk, seconded by Anthony Iracki

### ASSOCIATION UPDATES

#### **PARKS SECTION REPORT – ERIN CROSS**

Eddie Santiago from Milwaukee Public Schools is the new parks section representative for region 4. Parks section has an upcoming meeting on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. They will be talking about the spring workshop which will be taking place on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> in Middleton. You can go to the WPRA website for more information. They will also be covering new sessions and speakers to get new ideas. Any suggestions, please contact Eddie Santiago.

#### **RECREATION SECTION REPORT – MAGGIE ANDERSON**

Recreation section has open positions consisting of Chair Elect, Treasurer / Secretary and Region 2 and 4 representatives. Nominations will be accepted until July 31<sup>st</sup> and can be sent to Maggie Anderson or Troy Clarke. Silver Star entries must be entered by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Once all nomination forms are updated, Mikayla Schwab will e-mail them out. Any suggestions for conference in regards to sessions and speakers, please contact Maggie Anderson.

## **AQUATIC SECTION REPORT – TYLER MENTZEL**

Sam Precord from Menomonee Falls is the new aquatics section representative for region 4. As for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Samantha Fiscus will be moving on and Mary Ellen will be taking over her role. Aquatics is working with the state to form a committee that will consult with the state to help with codes due to the constant changes. Finished the Aquatics Seminar on January 9<sup>th</sup>, which was very successful. All awards are due May 1<sup>st</sup>, Aquatics section is merging with Silver Star (new this year). Aquatic section has open positions consisting of Chair Elect, two (2) At-Large positions, and Region 1 and 3 representatives. Next meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **LEGISLATIVE – ANTHONY IRACKI**

Have recently worked with Hamilton Consultant out of Madison to be the WPRA lobbyist. Seems to be positive, met with them on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Budgeted amount is \$25,000 per year and we signed with them for \$1,800/month for a two year contract. Can be terminated by either party with 30 day notice. Members should contact President Jake Anderson or President-Elect Dawn Comte of any potential legislation impacting organization. There is also a detailed update in regards to the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund: We have submitted our letter of interest in serving on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force. Our lobbyist have had two meetings with staff at the Governor's office discussing our association and interest in being on the panel. There is currently a bill that is looking for co-sponsors, see attached with a deadline for tomorrow. I've discussed with our lobbyist from Hamilton Consulting and also the staff contact at DNR for clarification, and in its current form, probably something we would stay neutral on at this point, there are no guarantees over potential funding sources, and the level for L.U.G (Local Units of Government) stay flat, even though we have a 3-1 request to fund level (Meaning in 2019, we had 20 million dollars of projects requested, and only 6 million was funded) We will continue to monitor and work through the legislative channels to provide input and recommendations to the Joint Task Force and if a bill is introduced into the legislature and senate through recommendations of the Public Policy Committee and approval of the Executive Board.

## **PUBLICATIONS – DEREK DONLEVY**

Next Impact Deadline: Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **WPRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – DEREK DONLEVY**

Renew your membership online for 2020 today to take advantage of all the member benefits! If members need assistance please contact the WPRA office at 414-423-1210 or [office@wpraweb.org](mailto:office@wpraweb.org). The Leadership Academy is February 5-7 in Oshkosh. More information and registration is available on the website. The Spring Workshop is April 23-24 in Middleton. More information and registration is available on the website. The Illinois Park & Recreation Association is offering a Skills Development Webinar Series. The series provides park district professionals with access to monthly professional development opportunities from the comfort of their home or office. By registering, you gain access to 11 webinars, one per month February thru December that consist of nationally known speakers and leaders in the field of parks and recreation. Use code WS20WPRA to receive a discount at checkout. More information is under the 'Resources' tab on the WPRA website. WPRA is collecting topic ideas and speaker proposals for the 2020 WPRA Annual Conference & Trade Show. Post topic submissions on WPRA Connect under General Posts or complete the speaker proposal form on the website under the 'Annual Conference' tab. WPRA Strategic Plan: The strategic plan documents can be viewed on the website under the 'About Us' tab.

### **WPRA FOUNDATION – KELLY VALENTINO**

Thanks to those that attended the Jan. 19 FAC Seminar. The guest speaker Tom Miazga was AMAZING. And the discussions over the newest NRPA top trends was very interesting and engaging. Leadership Academy, anyone still interested in a Foundation Grant for the Academy should apply online by Friday, Jan. 24th. SAVE THE DATE: The 2020 Foundation Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, September 10th at New Berlin Hills Golf Course. Donations to the Foundation: we apologize that the donate button on the WPRA website is not working. The Foundation is in the process of switching to the “Square” for payment options. We hope to have that in place by the Leadership Academy in Feb. In the meantime, donations can always be made by check and mailed to: the Jackson Area Community Center c/o WPRA FOUNDATION.

### **NRPA – ANTHONY IRACKI**

NRPA is currently seeking everyone to become a Certified Park and Recreation Professional. They are offering a \$250 study kit as an incentive, ending February 29<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship and fellowship applications are being accepted at this time. All this information can be found in the NRPA e-mails.

### **YPS – LAURA CHATTERTON**

YPS (formally YPN) is moving forward as an official Section and beginning to plan conference speakers. We are in the process of creating educational/informative webinars this year, so please keep an eye out for one coming up soon. We are also reaching out to the universities across the state to provide student-professional connections and chatting in classes about our field. We are continuing to find ways to bridge the gap for students between college and the professional field. Stay tuned for more from us!

## EVENTS AND UPDATES

### **SEPRC TENNIS LEAGUE – DAN ZEROOTH**

The SEPRC Tennis League met this morning, before the formal SEPRC meeting. If you are interested in having your city join the league, please contact Dan Zerooth for more information. Program forms will be due in May and league schedules will be out in June.

### **FREE THROW CONTEST – SAME SUJECKI**

Dustin previously ran the free throw contest, Sam just started in West Allis so he will be taking over the contest. Updated rules and scoresheets were sent to Jessica and will get sent out by Mikayla. Open to anyone who is interested, participants must reside in the SEPRC community. If you have a participant that makes it to the finals, you must send one staff person to help with event. Event is Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at West Allis Central High School, starting at 9:00 AM. All finalists must be sent to Sam by March 13<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, contact Sam Sujecki.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Get updated SEPRC agendas and minutes on WPRA website. Getting a new updated list from WPRA for SEPRC members.

#### PROBLEM SOLVING / IDEA EXCHANGE

Sam Sujecki mentions that there is a decline in participation for grades 6 through 8 and many cities are dropping intermediate sports due to cost. Would like to offer co-op leagues for girls softball and boys and girls basketball with surrounding cities recreation departments. Thoughts about adding something similar to the SEPRC Tennis League but for intermediate sports and possibly starting a youth sports group to discuss these types of topics. There was a suggestion to offer a youth sports roundtable before the next SEPRC meeting and possibly an aquatics roundtable with American Red Cross before another meeting.

#### MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chad Brown, seconded by Maggie Anderson