



HOSTED BY:
Eau Claire Park & Recreation and Forestry

Thursday, January 17, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Josh Kriesel (Chippewa Falls Parks, Recreation & Forestry); Chad Duerkop, Carrie Ottum, Dawn Comte (Eau Claire Parks and Recreation); Steve Peterson (Black River Falls Parks and Recreation); Dan Wick, Tyler Ketterhagen (Onalaska Parks and Recreation); Julie Stratton (Menomonie Parks & Forestry); Kale Proksch (School District of Menomonie Area)

1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:39am

- a. Welcome
- b. Introductions
- c. Approval of September, 19, 2018 Minutes. Duerkop motioned. Wick second. All Present-aye.

2. Overview of Eau Claire Parks, Recreation, & Forestry

- a. Tour of the Facility - Visit Eau Claire Experience Center at the new Pablo/ Confluence Center

3. WPRRA Sections Updates

a. Recreation Section - Tyler Ketterhagen

- i. Call for Conference Speakers
- ii. Finalizing Spring Tour Topics - April 11-12th
- iii. Idea for a Wis/MN conf

b. Parks Section - Steve Peterson

- i. Online Meeting on the 24th - discussion conf. survey
- ii. Finalizing Spring Tour Topics - April 11-12th
- iii. Looking for Roundtable discussion topics with Cvmic/Wpra

c. Aquatic Section- Josh Kriesel

- i. 2 aquatic workshops April 5 Waunakee and April 26 Ashwaubenon
- ii. Putting together a Master list of Lifeguard classes throughout the state
- iii. Updates on VGB Act

d. WPRRA Board of Directors- Kale Proksch/ Dawn Comte

- i. Board meetings will take place in each region and be open to anyone that wants to attend
- ii. Looking to eliminate the phone meetings for board meetings
- iii. WPRRA is in a good financial state (Membership prices will look to remain the same)
- iv. Region 1 will receive monies for region meetings to bring in speakers, park tours, CEU's
- v. July is Park and rec Month - Game On - Check out NRPA

4. Discussion:

a. National/ Local Trends

- i. Pig Yoga, E-sports Tournaments, Recycling, Drug Abuse and what can be done to help communities, Dogs in Parks, Partnering with other agencies like Library/ Health Orgs/ Public safety

b. Facilities - Use Policies & Fees (Dogs)

- i. All communities present stated that they do not allow dogs into facilities unless they are a service dog.
- ii. Eau Claire also stated that they increase their Facilities Fees 6% every yr and revamp policies

c. Going Digital

- i. WPRRA Social Media & Website - Please look to follow the WPRRA and other communities on facebook and twitter if you use those social media sites another way to connect and get ideas.

- ii. Many communities are looking to scale back on the printing of their guidebooks
- d. Connecting with UWL and or other Universities**
 - i. UWL Recreation section is now split into 3 different tracks, making it hard for the students to know about WPRA. Board is planning on having a meeting in LaCrosse to talk with UWL Recreation.
- e. Mileage Reimbursement Policy**
 - i. Time is the the hardest factor when it comes to serving on the board, Getting away was easier because usually had more staff in the past.
- f. Attraction Ticket Program**
 - i. Harder now since more and more organizations are selling tickets and a lot has went online making it easier for the customer.
- g. Public Policy Committee**
 - i. Chad Duerkop would be interested in serving from region 1
- h. Region Budget**

5. Motion for adjournment at 12:35pm. Ottum Motioned Wick second.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2019 at Wood County