



WPR Region I Meeting Minutes
Friday September 10, 2021 • 10:00 Start Time – 11:30 End Time
Moon Lake Park 800 E. South Street Rice Lake, WI

Region 1 PARPRO AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
 - a. **Region volunteer to take minutes**
 - i. **Sara Hudson volunteered to take minutes**

- 2. Acknowledge sponsor(s)/host(s)/presenter(s)**

- 3. Introductions**

4. Mark Dorow, Wausau; Kale Proksch – Menomonie School District; Sandy Schueller, WPR; Shelly Strasser, West Allis/West Milwaukee Community Rec/WPR President Elect.

- 5. Approve Region Minutes**
 - a. **Approval of April 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
 - i. Approval by Proksch, second Hudson

- 6. Region Financial Report**

Each region get \$2000 each year towards CEUs. Proksch discussed what the money can be used for: travel at meetings, food, etc. Group discussed how hard it is to get people on board and come to meetings from Region 1 because the region is so big. When the meetings were an all-day event, the turnout was better. Historically meetings were held: LAX/Onalaska, Wausau/Stevens Point and Eau Claire/Chippewa Falls.

- 7. Region Business**
 - a. Region 1 Updates
 - b. Summer Program Highlights

Wausau - Dorow stated that Wausau open their pool and had a very successful summer, made it thru the LGT staff shortages, Andrea Englestad , Ambassador for USA Pickleball helped Wausau run some youth pickleball camps. Mayor Katie, from Wausau, held “Play with Mayor” events and Governor Evers came up a played. Those events were very successful for Wausau.

Ashland – Hudson stated that Ashland ran a fairly successful summer day camp program. Other summer rec programs went well.

Menomonie School District – Proksch stated that Menomonie School District offerings and activity is pretty slow in the summer time. Menomonie will be hosting some Adult pickle ball 1 day camps this fall.
 - c. Fall Programing/Events

Ashland – Hudson stated that Ashland will be hosting the Loose Caboose a 1/2k and 1k kid’s race the Friday (Oct 8) before the Whistlestop Marathon here in Ashland. Ashland will also be starting an afterschool program run thru the parks and rec dept.

Wausau – Mayor Katie will be doing Skateboarding with the Mayor in a couple weeks.
 - d. Facilities

NA

- 8. Reports**
 - a. **Section Reports –**
 - i. Aquatic – Chad Duerkop
 1. Not present
 - ii. Park – Linda Cadotte
 1. Not present

- iii. Recreation – Leah Burns
 - 1. Nothing to report
- iv. Young Professionals – Ryan Pawlisch
 - 1. Not present
- v. WPRA BOD – Dawn Comte
 - 1. Not present

b. WPRA Report

i. Summary of key actions taken at Board meetings

ii. Upcoming event and deadline reminders:

- 1. Membership Dues
- 2. Nominations
- 3. Awards
 - a. Applications due October 1, 2021
 - i. Strasser encouraged people to apply for awards and pat your selves on the back and give yourself credit. Don't be afraid to nominate yourself and your programs.
- 4. IMPACT Magazine & PRMonthly
 - a. First Friday of each month for PRMonthly
 - b. November 3, 2021 for Impact
- 5. Any Upcoming Events
 - a. *September 17, 2021 WPRA Golf Outing*
 - b. *September 21 – 23, 2021 NRPA Conference Nashville*
 - i. *WPRA has a Facebook group for the NRPA conference. Attendees should join, post pictures and tag WPRA*
 - c. *October 7-8, 2021 Fall Workshop in Wausau*
 - d. *December 1-3, 2021 Leadership Academy in Oshkosh*
 - i. *Registration just opened and closes end of November. Price increases November 17, 2021*
 - e. *Conference registration open October 1; The 2022 WPRA Conference will be held February 21-25 at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells.*

iii. WPRA Committee/Subcommittee

- The 2023 Conference Committee Chair: Megan James, Mount Horeb, is looking for members to be part of the 2023 conference committee. If interested email the WPRA Office.
 – WPRA is currently looking for a Communications Committee Chair and Public Policy Committee Region IV Representative.

iv. WPRA Foundation Updates

The Foundation has funding available for conferences, trainings, etc.

c. Public Policy Update

NA

d. NRPA Update & National News

September 21 – 23, 2021 NRPA Conference Nashville in person and online options available.

9. Open Discussion Forum

None

10. Adjourn

- a. Next Meeting Date – December or January
 Tuesday January 11, 2022 10am via Zoom.