

PARPRO
Meeting Minutes
Onalaska Parks and Recreation Department
Omni Center
Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Members Present: Ben Steinbach (Marshfield), Chad Schooley (Wood County), Dan Wick, Aubrey Peters, Brett Schommer, Marcus Aumann (Onalaska), Cody See (UWL), Tommy Eisenhauer (Chippewa Falls), Steve Peterson (Black River Falls), Chris Geasy, Mike Brogan (Holmen), Sally Ruud (Coulee Region Tennis Association- LaCrosse), Judy Velloff (WI Tennis Association).

I. Introductions

II. Approval of minutes from January 28, 2015 meeting in Menomonie. Dan Wick made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Ben Steinbach second. All present voting aye.

III. Presentation from Sally Ruud, Coulee region WTA rep, and Judy Velloff WTA.

- a. Gave brief explanation of what the Wisconsin Tennis Association is all about and what it offers.
- b. Encourages all departments to contact the Wisconsin Tennis Association with projects or league formation questions/concerns.
- c. Approximately 245 registered league players in 2014 in Greater LaCrosse Area.
- d. Contact them at: cooleyregiontennis.com or judyveloff@gmail.com

IV. WPRa Section Updates

a. Recreation Section: Reviewed correspondence sent from Sara Hudson

- i. Award nominations due May 1st.

b. Park Section: Ben Steinbach

- i. Award nominations for all sections are due May 1st.
- ii. In an effort to attract more participation, the WPRa "Summer Park Tour" has been renamed to the "WPRa Community Park & Recreation Facility Tour". The time of year the tour takes place in 2015 has also changed. This year's tour will be in Racine on September 16-18.
- iii. Looking at potential interest for another Certified Playground Safety Inspection Course in 2016 prior to the fall conference at the Chula Vista. Monday, October 31, 2016 – November 2, 2016.
- iv. Looking for interested individuals for the Park section rep. in 2016.

c. Aquatics Section:

- i. Marshfield will be hosting the Aquatic Seminar at the City Hall building on May 1st. More information to come out on this.

d. WPRa Legislative: Chad Schooley

- i. Reminder to all attending to reach out to representatives and voice concern on Land and Water Conservation Fund reauthorization.

e. WPRa Board of Directors: Chad Schooley

- i. All award nominations due by May 1.
- ii. WPRA members are encouraged to provide contact information with the vendors their agency uses who may not be a current commercial member of WPRA to Steve Thompson.
- iii. Pre-Conference Institute will be training from CAPRA, Council on Accreditation for Park and Recreation Agency. The WPRA pre-conference tour will be of the Woodside Sports Complex turf field sports complex and the Just a Game Fieldhouse.
- iv. We are looking to compile a master list of park and recreation agencies that either have a foundation or friends group. If yes, please forward contact info to Steve Thompson.
- v. Members are requested to submit articles that may be used for a special IMPACT anniversary edition. Hoping to obtain interesting feedback on what transpired over the past 50 years in WPRA.

V. Round Table Discussion on Issues in our Communities

- i. Dan Wick discussed his departments use of FMX Maintenance Software
- ii. Discussed Tennis Court surfacing, lining contractors
- iii. Discussed pickle ball courts

VI. Tour of Omni Center- Dan Wick

VII. Next Meeting reminder.

- i. Below are the dates and sites for the remaining 2015 Region One Fall Meetings. Please add them to your calendars.
 - **Wednesday, September 23, 2015 - Wood County/WI Rapids**

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 pm