

PARPRO
Meeting Minutes
Menomonie Parks and Recreation Department
Leisure Services Center
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Members Present: Gary Barnett, Richard Henning (Menomonie), Ben Steinbach (Marshfield), Chad Schooley (Wood County), Dan Fiorenza (Wausau/Marathon County), Dan Wick, Aubrey Peters, Brett Schommer (Onalaska), Tommy Eisenhauer (Chippewa Falls), Erin Turner, Debra Goldbach (Altoona), Chad Duerkop (Eau Claire).

I. Introductions

II. Approval of minutes from September 24, 2014 meeting in Wausau. Dan Wick made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Gary Barnett seconds. All present voting aye.

III. Host Community overview- Gary Barnett gave an overview of the Park and Recreation operations in Menomonie.

IV. WPRRA Section Updates

a. Recreation Section: Reviewed correspondence sent from Sara Hudson

- i. Reviewed Spring Workshop information
- ii. Planning for the 2015 conference is underway. Looking for possible education sessions. Those with ideas should submit a “call for presentations” form on the WPRRA website, or to their regional section contact.
- iii. Award nominations due May 1st.

b. Park Section: Ben Steinbach

- i. Reviewed Spring Workshop information.
- ii. Award nominations for all sections are due May 1st.
- iii. In an effort to attract more participation, the WPRRA “Summer Park Tour” has been renamed to the “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.

c. Aquatics Section: Chad Duerkop

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

d. WPRRA Legislative: Chad Schooley

- i. Nothing specific to report. Chad reminded all attendees that with the new WI Legislature now in place, it would be a good time to reach out and introduce yourself to your respective representatives.

e. WPRRA Board of Directors: Chad Schooley

- i. The 2015 Annual Conference is now open for registration on the website.
- ii. WPRRA members are encouraged to use the “50th Anniversary” logo in publications and marketing for 2015.

- iii. "Call for presentation" applications for the 2015 annual conference are due May 1.
- iv. Please encourage future leaders (WPRA members for seven or less years) to submit articles to IMPACT. Next deadline for IMPACT is February 1. All members are encouraged to submit any new projects, employee or service updates they would like to see in the PRWeekly Online Newsletter to Steve Thompson.
- v. 2015 Leadership Academy taking place at the Heidel House from February 4-6.
- vi. Chad brought up the Board of Director's initiative to get feedback from the members regarding the necessity for the rebranding of the state association. There was no feedback given at the meeting. Chad will be sending out feedback requests to all PARPRO members regarding this subject.

f. Round Table Discussion on Issues in our Communities

- i. Discussed how communities handle issuing uniforms to staff/volunteers
- ii. Discussed pay for performance within our communities
- iii. Discussed whether communities paid seasonal employees time and a half

g. Next Meeting reminder and agenda items.

- i. Below are the dates and sites for the remaining 2015 Region One Fall Meetings. Please add them to your calendars.
 - **Wednesday, April 22, 2015 - Onalaska**
 - **Wednesday, September 23, 2015 - Wood County/WI Rapids**

h. Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 pm