

WPRA AQUATIC SECTION MEETING

January 10th, 2017 – 10:30 am
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES
720 N Parkway
Jefferson, WI 53549



1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

X Mark Thompson	X Missy Kedzorski	Jenny McCollian	X Kiley Schulte
* Chad Duerkop	* Melody Escoto	X Mary Berg	X Jennifer Froemming
X Holly Glainyk	X Renee Vanselow	X Kathryn Jenkins	
X Cyndi Robertson	* Steve Thompson	X Cory Thompson	

X = attended meeting in person * = Joined via online GoTo Meeting option due to weather.

Excused: Jenny McCollian

Meeting was called to order by Renee at 10:30 am.

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 13th, 2016 MINUTES

Mark made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Second by Kathryn. Carried Unanimously.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

- Chair – R. Vanselow** – No report, main items to follow during regular agenda.
- Chair Elect – M. Kedzorski** – Missy is looking forward to serving on the Board, was previously a Region 3 Rep and is excited to be involved again.
- Past Chair – M. Thompson** – No Report, but thanked everyone for opportunity to serve as Chair last year and looking forward to 2017.
- Secretary/Treasurer – J. McCollian** – No Report.

4. REGION / WPRA REPORTS

- Region 1 (PARPRO) – C. Duerkop** – Chad stated that Region 1 only meets 4 times a year. The next meeting is scheduled for Wed January 25th in Marshfield. He will report at our next meeting on what was discussed.
- Region 2 (NEWPRO) – M. Escoto** – Last meeting was in December in Neenah. Melody followed up (per last meeting discussion) with Neenah to inquire if they were utilizing the ARC Examiner Service. Neenah has applied for a CVMIC grant and hopes to receive the grant in order to pay for the ARC examiner service for the 2017 summer season. They have not yet heard if the grant was awarded. It was requested that everyone ask at their regional meetings if anyone has purchased, or is planning to purchase, the ARC Aquatic Examiner Service. The Board is looking for feedback on the service.
- Region 3 (PARR-3) – K. Jenkins** – No Report.
- Region 4 (SEPRC) – M. Berg** – Mary reported that the last meeting was held in Wauwatosa in December. Nothing to report specific to aquatics. Next meeting is January 25 in Menomonee Falls.
- WPRA – S. Thompson** – Steve reported that submittals for the January WPRA newsletter are due Wed 1/18. The Winter issue of IMPACT just came out last week. Feb 1st is the deadline for article submittals for the next IMPACT Magazine issue. WPRA is seeking any recommendations for Commercial Vendor contacts for potential WPRA membership – refer any leads to Steve for him to follow up. The new WPRA website is in the works, an e-blast will be sent out when it is ready to launch.
- WPRA Board – H. Glainyk** – Next meeting is Tuesday, January 31st. 2017 President Tom Flick has a full agenda for the meeting. Holly will report on what was discussed at our next meeting.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Budget –R. Vanselow, M. Thompson, M. Kedzorski** – Steve will send Renee the 2018 budget request timeline. Budget requests are due July 1.
- b. **Codes & Updates – C. Robertson, M. Escoto** – Cyndi reported the State continues to work on pool code update, goal is to complete draft by the end of this month and then distribute for public review/input. Cyndi requested that for future meetings Melody follow up on any updates for the Ellis & Associates program, and Cyndi will follow up on any State Code and NRPA AFO program updates.
- c. **Public Relations – K. Jenkins, K. Schulte**
 - i. **PR Monthly (Due to Steve by third Wednesday of the month for current month's issue)**
Renee will discuss with Kathryn & Kiley what should be submitted next week 1/18 for the January newsletter. It was suggested to include save the date info for the upcoming April Tech Workshops and May Seminar. Also consider including award nomination information and begin recruitment for vacant board positions for 2018.
 - ii. **DeQuincy workshop for next IMPACT** – Holly will write a summary article from the January 5/6 Training Workshops. She will share a draft with sub-committee members within the week, and will submit final article with photos by February 1st.
- d. **Nominating – M. Kedzorski, M. Escoto, C. Duerkop, K. Schulte**
Positions open for 2018 Board: At Large Board Liaison, At Large, Region 2 Rep, Region 4 Rep, Chair Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer. Region Reps should begin announcing vacancies at upcoming Regional meetings. Renee will get Board Position Nomination Form updated for this year, so it can be put on the WPRA website and distributed. It was discussed if anyone knew of any interested members; it was shared that John from Sparta indicated interest at the Conference last Fall. Chad will follow up with John and see if he is still interested, since Sparta is in Region 1.
- e. **Rules of Order – J. McCollian** – No Report
- f. **Section Awards - M. Escoto, C. Thompson, J. McCollian**
Melody will work on updating the award nomination forms, and will also put together a half page flyer that includes requirements for award submittals and who to contact.
- g. **Technician Workshops –H. Glainyk, C. Robertson, M. Thompson, C. Duerkop**
 - i. **Update on 2017 Technician Workshops** – Workshops are scheduled for Thursday, April 6 in Eau Claire (in conjunction with the Park/Rec Section Spring Workshops) and Friday, April 21 in Jefferson. For the benefit of those new to the Board, Holly explained that the Tech Workshops are geared toward the actual pool operators that handle the daily maintenance of the pool facility. A formal “call for session submittals” was distributed late last year with a deadline of early December. Speakers and topics have all been confirmed: Carrico Aquatic Resources will present sessions on “UV Systems” and “Photometric Test Kits;” Chris Seitz from Focus on Energy will present a session on “How to Reduce Energy and Water Losses in Swimming Pools;” and Samantha Fiscus from the State will present on “What to Expect from your State Inspector.” Jenni F shared the draft of the flyer that one of her co-workers helped design (thank you Jenni!). Mark offered to follow up with Samantha to confirm her session details after the meeting with Park/Rec sections next week. Cyndi will confirm with Carrico and Focus on Energy presenters. The timeline on the distributed draft flyer is tentative, and will be adjusted to conform with whatever Park & Rec Section’s decide is the final session timeline. Fees have already been approved by the WPRA Board of Directors. Steve will take care of submitting the draft of the flyer to NRPA for CEU approval, but it was noted to wait to distribute the flyer until after the meeting later this month with the other sections. It was noted that there are two separate fees for the workshops – and that the April 6 workshop is \$10 more due to the addition of a park tour and social to follow (since it is being offered in conjunction with the Park/Rec Section Spring Workshop). This may be confusing to some people, so Region Reps are encouraged to explain it at Regional meetings so members understand. Final version of flyer should be available by the next meeting.

- ii. **Spring Workshop online meeting – January 26** – Mark reported that an online planning meeting will be taking place Jan 26 with the Park & Rec Sections. More information to follow after the meeting, and the flyer will be finalized at that time.
- h. American Red Cross Task Force – H. Glainyk, M. Thompson, R. Vanselow, Mary B.**
- i. **2017 ARC recertification fees** – Much concern has been expressed by members since the notification was received in early December regarding the unexpected increase in recertification fees effective now. Recert fees went up from \$27 to \$35. The Task Force met with Curtis in December shortly after the fee increase notice to discuss how members did not have a chance to budget for the increase and explain how it's too late to accommodate as 2017 budgets are already approved. Curtis indicated that the ARC is willing to put a freeze on the 2016 fee structure for the year 2017, but you need to contact him directly to request that your 2017 AP agreement be revised to reflect the price freeze. Fee increase information will be distributed by Renee to the Aquatic Section Membership, in case people have not yet seen or received it. Along with that will include an update on discussions with Curtis.
 - ii. **LG Training Program ONLINE UPDATE is available.** All LGIT's and LGI's need to do the online update and also participate in a water update session. Basically, you have one year to complete the water session once the online update is completed. It was questioned as to what the time period is in which the online update needs to be done – the Task Force will check with Curtis and report back. Mark shared that the Task Force has spoken with Curtis Momsen from ARC and will be working hard to make sure there is at least one water update session scheduled per WPRa Region. Renee indicated that she has heard that the online update is scheduled to take 2 hours, but it took Tammie in Franklin 4 hours to complete. It was also noted that the in water update session is scheduled to take 7.5 hours. It was discussed whether or not each Region has had discussion on completing the in water update. Region 1 & 2 have not discussed it yet. Region 3 is working on doing one in Madison with Bonnie Griswold. Region 4 has had discussions about one possibly in Greenfield. Tammie from Franklin has offered to conduct water session updates since she is a LGIT. The Task Force will set up a meeting before the end of this month with Curtis to discuss this. It was mentioned that Curtis was working on trying to obtain a current list of active LGIT's in the state. Holly will check on the status of this and get a meeting scheduled with Curtis.
 - iii. Mary Berg questioned what is being done by the Red Cross as far as efforts to maintain quality control of the current LGI's. This is an issue of concern for many members.
 - iv. Missy asked if the Task Force could follow up with Curtis to ask for an extension on the time period for the water portion of the update. And also inquire on what is the allowable time period for completing the online update.
 - v. Mark encouraged the Board to email him any specific questions they want addressed by the Task Force with Curtis. The Task Force hopes to meet the week of 1/23, so get questions to Mark by Friday 1/20.
- i. Aquatic Training Workshop – H. Glainyk, M. Escoto, R. Vanselow, M. Berg**
- i. **Recap of DeQuincy Workshop** – Holly reported the workshops were held last week – one on Thursday, Jan 5th in Ashwaubenon with 23 registered and one on Friday, Jan 6th in Greenfield with 42 registered. The workshops were a huge success and made a profit of about \$1000. Pete DeQuincy was grateful for the opportunity to come to Wisconsin from California, despite the below zero temperatures we had while he was here. Very positive feedback was received from participants, and Jessica from SAMI will be putting together a survey monkey evaluation upon her return from vacation next week. Holly will be putting together an article for the next IMPACT, along with photos. Thanks to Melody and Ann for all their help with hosting the Ashwaubenon location, and to Renee for hosting in Greenfield. Special thanks also to Bryan from Aquatic Training Solutions, LCC for sponsoring Pete's \$400 speaker fee. The workshops were a great success.

