

Idaho Recreation and Parks Association

Minutes

May 14, 2010
Web Meeting (Various Locations)
10AM-3:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am PT.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tim Barker, Colin Moss, Mike Kinziger, Dave Keir, Connie Vaughn, Abra Lippert, Josh Oakes, Suzie Cano, Jerry Sepich, Jason Wiley, Liam Brown, Karolyn McCarty-Child, Rod Bitsoi arrived at 11:15am PT.

Absent: Rick Shaffer, Jamie Heinzerling

INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mike wanted to add a discussion about our role within other agencies under New Business.

Suzie moved, Jerry 2nd, agenda approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 22, 2010

Mike moved, Suzie 2nd, minutes approved as presented.

DECLARATION OF PROXY

TREASURERS REPORT

Josh moved, Jason 2nd, treasurers report approved as presented.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. By-Laws Review (Presidential Terms, Proxy Guidelines)
 - a. There was discussion about possibly eliminating the Vice President and just having the President Elect.
 - b. Mike suggested we do the opposite and eliminate the President Elect position and allow Presidents to rerun for multiple terms. If we do this, Tim suggested we put some sort of requirement that someone who runs for President must have been involved for a certain number of years. We would keep the Past President position. We would set a maximum number of terms a president may serve.

- c. The consensus of the board is that we like the 2 year term for President.
 - d. Tim and Mike will edit the by-laws and send them out to the board for review. Edits will include:
 - i. Eliminate the President Elect position
 - ii. Add a stipulation that in order to run for President, a candidate must have held a position on the board for a minimum of 2 years.
 - iii. Past President position will start in odd years only after the end of a presidency.
 - iv. Article IV, Section 3: Increase Recreation Student Reps to 2 and remove Resource Recreation Tourism Rep.
 - v. Article V, Section 2: Add underlined portion, “represent the board on the annual conference committee, Governor’s Conference on Tourism....”
 - vi. Article V, Section 3: Add “facilitate annual elections.”
 - vii. Article V, Section 5: Add in a section regarding filing necessary state and federal documents.
 - viii. Article V, Section 6: Remove
2. Logo Design
- a. Peppershock Media can make us two logo designs with two revisions for \$500.
 - b. Consensus was that we should move forward with Pepperchock.
 - c. Tim will contact Peppershock to get the process started.
3. Social Media Update
- a. Facebook
 - i. Send out e-mail to master list prompting them to become fans.
 - ii. Add award winner photos and captions. Create an album of past winners.
 - b. E-Newsletter
 - i. Next edition will be sent out in September.
4. 2010 Tri-State Conference
- a. About 15 of the concurrent sessions are planned. They need several more still, though. Schedule will be finalized in July.
 - b. Tim will e-mail out request for presentations.
 - c. Children in Nature workshop on October 6th. Expecting 150-200 just for this workshop and the hope is that many of those people will stay for the conference.
 - d. All three keynote speakers have been confirmed. Jeanette Renkin and Nancy Noonin among them.
 - e. Montana Fish and Wildlife contributing \$1,500 for conference.
 - f. Conference information is up on the IRPA website.
 - g. Online registration is now available through the Montana Recreation and Parks Association website.
 - h. The conference committee is planning to send out press releases periodically regarding the conference. We will put those press releases on the website.
 - i. There are hotels available in Island Park in case out of state travel isn’t an option.
 - j. RSO is able to pay for 11 students to attend the conference. Jerry will get Liam information about potential places to stay that are cheaper.
5. 2011 State Conference Locations/Dates

- a. Three possible locations in Boise include the DoubleTree Riverside, Red Lion Downtowner and The Grove Hotel.
 - b. Tim will contact hotels.
 - c. Dave will check into the potential of Sun Valley.
6. Website Review
- a. Board reviewed website for areas to update. Board members should try to periodically review the website and forward suggestions/changes to Jamie for updating. Changes identified during meeting include:
 - i. Attach map to district info under “Contact Us.”
 - ii. Under “Conference Info” delete info regarding “60 second ideas” and “Conference Planning.”
 - iii. Find a spot on the site to list member organizations with links to their websites.
7. District Involvement
- a. There was a discussion regarding how District Reps are interacting with agencies within their district. District Reps reported that they try to contact agencies, but they don’t get much response.
 - b. Should District Reps simply be representatives or should they have responsibilities as well such as hosting trainings in their district?
 - c. Abra suggested the District Reps host District meetings at each conference.
 - d. Connie suggested that instead of hosting their own trainings, District Reps should become more aware of trainings that are already available and help promote them to those within their district
 - e. Could we create some kind of competition between districts?

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Pool and Staff Certification
 - a. Could Kevin Johnson come to the Tri-State Conference and provide a pool certification course? If not at the conference then maybe in Boise.
 - b. Jerry will contact Kevin.
- 2. Idaho Recreation and Tourism Initiative
 - a. Tim will contact Jamie and Rick to look into IRPA becoming involved. The board supports having a representative if someone wants to serve in that capacity.
- 3. Idaho Children and Nature Network
 - a. Will have a workshop at the conference.
- 4. Role with other agencies
 - a. Should IRPA start supporting certain causes or continue to not take a public stand?
 - b. We could get input from all the IRPA members by having district representatives contact everyone in their district.
 - c. The board consensus was that it would be good for us to support certain initiatives. Several of these are obvious choices for IRPA to support so we will not require feedback on those before displaying our support on the website. Forward initiative information to Tim and he will make a decision on just putting it on the website or getting member input first.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 – Josh Oakes

1. Rathdrum will start offering softball. Breaking ground on a 12 acre park
2. Sandpoint received a grant to upgrade one of their marinas.
3. Hayden Days is coming up soon.
4. Post Falls took part in a national cities survey. 58% use rec programs. 94% use their parks. Both of which are above the national average.

District 2 – Mike Kinziger

1. Moscow received approval for bond initiative for sports complex. Started new community gardens. Season passes for the pool are way ahead of schedule. Working with U of I students to design a picnic shelter in the dog park. U of I Recreation program is ahead of schedule on undergrads and graduate students.
2. Lewiston is finishing a \$1.3 million irrigation project at the golf course. Building a new 12,000 square foot, \$400,000 skate park. Will be building a new park on the river.

District 3 – Abra Dodson

1. Cherry Festival is happening in June in Emmett.

District 4 – David Keir

1. BCRC is completing a remodel of the pool and adding two sand volleyball courts. Adding a skills track to the pump park. Nordic Festival started this last winter was a success. Doing another new event this summer called “Rhythm and Ride.”
2. City of Hailey is going to bond on May 25 on an outdoor ice rink. Rodeo Ground will be made into multi-purpose facility and expand skate park. Private donor has given a \$2 Million gift if bond passes.

District 5 – Jerry Sepich

1. Groundbreaking Monday on new Grizzly bear exhibit at the zoo. Finishing community-wide survey for the master plan of Ross Park. Hoping for 600 households. Completed skinning of softball fields with new infield material. Hershey Track and Field meet tomorrow.

District 6 – Connie Vaughn

1. Meridian making progress on Kleiner Park with groundbreaking tentatively scheduled for late June.
2. State Parks lost 25 employees due to the recent budget cuts, but kept their department status. All parks will stay open during the summer, but many will close for winter.

SECTION REPORTS

Student – Liam Brown

1. Had spring awards banquet 2 weeks ago. New award introduced: Dr. Mike Kinziger programming award.
2. 6 graduating rec majors.
3. Budget has increased tremendously to help with activities at no cost to the students.
4. Goal is to have 2 activities per month.
5. Big activity in the fall will be a BBQ scheduled with Student Organization Day.
6. Membership has doubled.
7. RSO T-shirts are available for \$10.

Citizen – Rod Bitsoi

1. People are likely to be more involved with parks now due to their low cost

Therapeutic – Karolyn McCarty-Child

1. State of Idaho is trying to start a new chapter with the American Therapeutic Recreation Association at a meeting in Spokane.

Tourism – Rick Shaffer

PNWRC- Tim Barker

NEXT MEETING DATE / TIME & AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be at the Tri-State Conference in West Yellowstone, MT.
Date, time and location TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

Abra Lippert moved, Jerry Sepich 2nd, meeting adjourned at 2:23pm PT.