

Idaho Parks and Recreation Association

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2007
Red Lion Downtowner
Boise, Idaho

CALL TO ORDER **8:10 AM**

ROLL CALL:

Doug Strong, Dave Fair, Doug Eastwood, Jack Bowman, Lynn Welch, Jason Wiley, Georgia Suchocki, Jamie Heinzerling, Dave Keir, Angela Corrill, Connie Vaughn

APPROVE AGENDA:

Georgia moved to add Lifetime member nomination to New Business E., Move 2007 conference time for presenter, discussion regarding moving the date of the IRPA Conf. Lynn seconded motion. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 12, 2006
Doug E. move to approve as written, Dave K. seconded.
Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF PROXY:

Jacki M. gave proxy to Dave Fair

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Wrap up for 06 finished, but have not received a bill from Jodi R. (Advisors Marketing) Georgia will call her and tell her that if we need to receive the bill by the end of February to receive payment. Lynn is estimating that the bill will be about \$2500. Our account is below 10k which we need for IRS purposes to keep our non-profit status.

Georgia move to accept both past and present budgets, Dave F seconded.
Motion passed.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- a. **District 2 & 3 Board Appointments** – The board reviewed appointments for District 2 and 3 for confirmation.

Mike Kinziger – Dist. 2, Term until – 2008 will serve out Josh Paparazzo's term.

Angela Corrill – Dist. 3, Term until – 2007 will serve out Diane Hill's term.

Georgia move to confirm both of them for the remainder of their terms, Doug E. seconded. Motion passed.

- b. **Association Web Site** – The board will discussed progress with proposed changes to the association's web site.

Jamie H. – Showed us a preview of the web site. If anyone would like to have photos from your local area please send to Jamie. Three column css with header and footer. Navigation menu on top and left. Jamie wants to make sure that everything is current. Mission statement on first page. Has the legislative cards info on the page. Working on the educational opportunities page, has college / university & Training Links. Still working on the College University links. Add link to NRPA training. District reps need to get Jamie info for each district map in 30 days. Work on setting up a events calendar with a html form so that each person can submit their own events and will automatically expire, to reduce the work for Jamie.

Jamie would like any info that you would like on the website to her asap. Jamie will send Jason a list of the keywords in the meta tag on the website, Jason will review and update the keywords to get more exposure for the website. Jamie wants to go live with the web site ASAP.

*Session or sessions regarding intro to our website, and how to do websites.

- c. **Director's Retreat** – Discussion regarding location and date for Director's Retreat.

Dave Fair- This retreat is targeted toward administrative level staff with an emphasis towards dept. directors. Location, Red Horse Mountain Retreat, (near Harrison) Dave would like to do it in April, before the summer season begins. Dave has proposed both a one and two day format. The proposed format would be round table discussions. 1 day estimate-\$225 the two day - \$500-525, this includes lodging, food, meeting space and applicable taxes. Dave F thinks that the one-day format would be the best. Doug agreed that the one-day format would be the best for the first retreat.

Comments regarding that April may be too soon, maybe waiting until after the summer season to give a little more time to collect info from possible attendees as to topics. Dave F. will look at date(s) in Oct. at the Red Horse Mountain Retreat. Focus on a one-day retreat. Promote at conference, and on the website. Throw sponsorship idea on the topic list for the attendees to talk about for future retreats.

- d. **Playground Safety Workshop** – Update and discussion regarding NRPA Playground Safety Workshop.

50 people are registered for the workshop. This is the first national NRPA Playground Safety Workshop to happen in Idaho. Starts Monday, Feb 5 2007 at the Powerhouse. Can reschedule for another PSW in three years now that we are on the calendar.

- e. **2007 IRPA Conference** – The board will be updated on plans for the 2007 annual conference in Twin Falls by the conference planning committee.

4 different tracks, more of a workshop hands on than just information, Maintenance/ landscape (arborist, CEU units), Administration track (PR Dir, citizen and board members), Natural Resources (interpretation), Technology (integration, databases).

Doug E. – Brought up the idea of incorporating re-cert credits for applicators license into the conference on the Maintenance/Landscape track. Meth prevention, healthy activities education/ campaign doing a session (Jamie brought up). fnoland@idahopower.com (Fred Nolan) any ideas or thoughts on the conference. Still looking for a general session speaker.

Georgia gave a quick review of the tentative schedule and social events for calendar.

- f. **LWCF Update** – the board was updated on discussion with State Parks to change the method of fund distribution.

A draft of a Idaho Park and Recreation Board Policy to create a Biennial State / Local LWCF Allocations. Jamie had reservations regarding the last paragraph, addressing what will happen if or when the LWCF appropriation reaches \$2 million. Local entities would get 100% of the distribution of funds on the even years and State would get 100% of the funds distributed on odd years. With a re-evaluation after 4 years in 2012 as to any funding inequities greater than 10% it would be adjusted to correct any differences.

Doug E. has been asked to present at the AIC meeting regarding the LWCF, he would like to have this new information to present.

Connie will talk to Brian about getting this on the IDPR board agenda for May.

*Look at STORE program for future.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Student Scholarship Program** – The board discussed setting a dollar amount for student scholarships, selection criteria, formation of a selection committee and promotion of the program to colleges and universities in the state.

Some ideas regarding the scholarship line item, and whether to change the amount regarding how much was raised, or to have a set amount. Discussion about changing it to a application, not nomination process. Georgia, Angela, Jamie will review the process and application and will bring this back with the new process and proposed amount as old business for the next board meeting.

- b. **Nomination/Election Committee** – The board discussed the selection process for nominations and selection of elected positions. Bylaw change discussion regarding process to decide a tie vote.

Doug S discussed forming a election/nomination committee to oversee the elections and results. Dave F mentioned getting as many people to run as possible. Districts reps could help with this. Bring back committee chair appointment, and tie results changes in the bylaws. Georgia will reword and bring to next board meeting. She will also bring back a change for dues and fees set by resolution not by the bylaws.

- c. **District Workshops** – The board discussed ideas to encourage district meetings and workshops.

Georgia would like to work on getting the district reps to hold more workshops. Looking at setting up a meeting with district reps.

- d. **2008 IRPA Conference** – The board discussed retaining Moscow as an every 4-year destination. Discussed moving conference date.

Bring up the change of meeting date at the 2007 conference. Send out the information to the members to get feed back and to let them know that this discussion will come up. We will send out a survey to get feedback from the general membership regarding the date change.

Lynn moved to take Moscow off of an every 4-year rotation. Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

- e. **Lifetime Member Nomination** – Georgia indicated that we had an active member retire last December-Terry Kincaid from BLM. Additionally, Bill Scudder will be retiring this coming September.

Georgia moved that both Terry and Bill be granted Lifetime member status. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DISTRICT REPORTS

All reps in attendance gave brief reports of happenings in their respective areas.

ADJOURNMENT

1:30 PM