AGENDA

Meeting was called to order by Matt (36 participants)

Additions to agenda: softball update

Resources: MRPA sent out the outdoor-recreation DNR/MDH co-vid guidelines which contained numerous links and updates in regards to camping/boating/etc. The Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) website (www.mnyouthsoccer.org) is a valuable resource as well.

Latest Governor’s clarification on EO 20-56 addressed the extension of temporary closure of bars, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation. These guidelines do not address organized youth or adult athletics, which are not authorized to resume by EO -20-56. Extension to May 31, 2020.

The recently developed Task Force represented by many sports agencies and associations and is coordinated by the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC), is working to develop a “Return to Play” playbook for youth and amateur sports. Recommendations will be shared by Commissioner Tomes with Governor Walz for consideration as MN slowly turns the dial to open up activities. Communities are welcome to use/consider these guidelines while developing their own co-vid preparedness plan. The recommendations are not mandates, but simply tools to help communities organize their plans. Discussion followed as to how social distancing for park-users can be enforced and who is responsible if associations are using the fields, etc. Some member concerns about agencies feeling forced to follow guidelines that might be unrealistic.

Summer Programs

- Decision Dates for Programs
  - Many communities now targeting July 6 as the new date.
  - Brooklyn Park- BPA cancelled entire season. Decision made because trying to monitoring youth & social distancing would be too challenging for coaches/staff.
  - Shortening the summer season – condensed schedules anticipated and less teams.
  - Some communities are collaborating with surrounding communities to run programs

- Program Modifications
  - Bringing your own equipment – re: bocce balls, bags, etc.
  - Considering running programs that use drills and no competition.
  - Skyhawks has been deemed as an essential service based on childcare definition. They have created a co-vid preparation plan for safe programming (sanitizing, social distancing, etc.)
  - Clean stations will need to be coordinated and made available along with hand sanitizer which has been challenging to order in larger quantities – need to be creative and order outside “normal” outlets – re: BSN/Tahoe
  - Many agencies developing virtual programs – ex. soccer
    - St. Louis Park – launching a virtual run with 200 people signed up. 50K challenge with participants keeping a logbook & once completed, will receive medals.
    - Fridley – utilized Anderson Race Management to help with marketing/database
    - Shoreview – virtual run/bike/walk with 8 people signed up so far
    - Partnering with local businesses a good win/win for communities re: breweries
Athletic Management Network Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 | Zoom call

Field Use
- Permitting use
  - Starting to rent out with understanding that <10 is a designated square footage needs to be respected as well as the 6 ft. distancing.
  - Preference for groups not to mix. Optimum option preferred is with members of same household.
  - Personal training 1-2; 1-2 ratio for businesses looking for space.
  - Limiting spectators (if any) and coaches/no parents
  - Local associations need to have a preparedness plan if renting fields.
  - Seeing more free play in parks

Fall Programming
- How are you planning?
  - Brooklyn Park – planning as usual
  - Maple Grove – waiting to see how summer goes
  - Shoreview – anticipating less participants for Fall
  - St. Louis Park – planning as usual

Softball (Jerome/Lacelle/Deb)
- USSSA update
  - USSSA still not sanctioning events. States encouraged to follow state/local guidelines
  - Umpires can still register – checks held until status of season decided
  - Tournaments on hold
  - Added waiver for EVERY player to sign online on National website
  - Rule modifications will soon be available

Announcements
- Athletic Management will be scheduling another meeting in two weeks.
- There is a new Facebook group for MRPA, MRPA Connections, please reach out to Meredith to be added. A document repository has also added to share documents, please send to Deb (weinreis@mnrpa.org)

MRPA/Board Updates
- Deb Weinreis – Meeting daily for the past week with the Task Force with MASC
  - Board meeting Wednesday (May 20), primarily to discuss budget
  - Options for Annual Conference still being discussed, most likely virtual
  - Weekly conference call and co-vid/member updates are being provided 3-4 x/week

Next Meeting: June 16 at 10:30 a.m.

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