**Meeting Minutes: SMRPA**

**Date:** September 8, 2021 **Location:** Austin, MN

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| **Member** | **Community** | **Member** | **Community** |
| Kevin O’Brien | Faribault | Paul Peanasky (remotely) | Faribault |
| Joey Schugel | St. Peter | Patrick Menton (remotely) | Winona |
| Riley Donovan | Austin | Mikayla Beuch (remotely) | Red Wing |
| Kevin Nelson | Austin | Dale McCamish (remotely) | Rochester |
| Eric Anderson | Owatonna | Jill Strodtman (remotely) | Rochester |
| Nikki Callahan | Owatonna | Ben Boldt (remotely) | Rochester |
| MJ Knudson | Owatonna | Robert Petersen (remotely) | Pipestone |
| Michelle Snider | MRPA |  |  |
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**Topic/Item Summary of Discussion Action**

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| 1. Call to order/ Introductions | Meeting called to order at 10:32 a.m.  Each person introduced themselves, for the benefit of those in attendance virtually as well as the fairly new people in attendance physically. |  |
| 1. Additions to/Approval of Agenda | Golf Tourney Update | Motion:  2nd:  Motion Carried |
| 1. Approval of minutes |  | Motion:  2nd:  Motion Carried |
| 1. Treasurer’s Report | 1. General Fund (Savings) balance: $2,623.27 2. Scholarship Fund Balance: $8,025.21 3. Approval of Treasurer Report | Motion: MJ  2nd: Ben  Motion Carried |
| 1. Minnesota Sports   Federation | No report |  |
| 1. MRPA Board of Directors Report | * Recently met in Bemidji * Annual Conference: Oct. 12-15   Professional Awards Ceremony will be Tuesday of that week  Conference registration has been fair – exhibitirs about half of normal  Exhibit Hall open an expanded 10-3  Education Time  Networking 10-3 Thursday  Masks are required, same as they are in all city-owned facilities in Brooklyn Ctr  - Working with Michelle’s performance review   * Explained that 2 of the 3 scholarship recipients accepted invite to attend |  |
| 1. Recreational Sports Commission Report | No report, as they had not met recently |  |
| 1. Sections and Committee Updates | 1. Aquatics – meeting at 9:30 today - doing a summer wrap-up 2. Non-member listening session where eight people participated 3. Programming – Meeting on Sept. 17 |  |
| 1. Old Business: | MJ - Golf Tourney: SMRPA held its first-ever Friday golf tourney fundraiser in August  16 teams participated, similar to in the past  Great sponsorship  $5,555.73 profit – better than past two years  Send out to bids for future golf tourneys?  Date open for 2022 tourney - steering toward a Friday |  |
| 1. Michelle’s Report | * Fall workshop: 35 registered so far * CPSI , 9/29-10/1, full at 25 following national guidelines * Sending e-mail to directors regarding 9/15 online workshop on federal funding * Fall Conf.: good registration to date at over 200 to date * SMRPA Rec Sports rep needed * 2023 conference to be held in Plymouth, where they recently invested $40MM in improvements, tripling the size of Plymouth Creek Center * Networking group added for park maintenance |  |
| 1. What’s New/New Business | Topic of shortages of Temp/Seasonal staff:  St. Peter was attempting to stay ahead of the game by proposing $1.25/hr increases – offering incentive pay (double?) if called in on weeknights  Faribault noted that they are struggling as well  Owatonna noted guest services were paid $12-14/hr, maintenance $14-16/hr, LG $13-15/hour, and supervisors $15-17/hr, and that they did okay this summer  Patrick: Noted 6 positions to be cut in Winona due to budget cuts  Joey: Noted Tennis West courts (2) would be converted to 6 pickleball courts  Ben: Updating system-wide plans in Rochester due to results of a community survey - plans to convert tennis courts to pipckleball courts as well  Kevin: Running the 5th annual city archery deer hunt beginning in October - city will be re-hiring a parks maintenance position to re-instate the tree crew of two - accepting RFP’s for parks master planning, 3 received to date - will be returning parks & rec office staff to in office following the re-hire of an administrative assistant in the admin/finance dept. |  |
| 1. Adjourn | 11:21 | Motion: Joey  2nd: Eric  Motion carried |

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Kevin Nelson, Recording Secretary*