**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: MJ2nd: BenMotion 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
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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 weeknightsFaribault noted that they are struggling as wellOwatonna 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 wellKevin: 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: Joey2nd: EricMotion carried |

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Kevin Nelson, Recording Secretary*