

Meeting Minutes: SMRPA

Date: February 10, 2021

Location: Virtual

Community	Members
Albert Lea	Jennifer Davis, Joey Schugel
Austin	Kevin Nelson, Riley Donovan
Fairbault	Kevin O'Brien, Paul Peanasky, David Pribbenow, Jill Strodman
Marshall	
MRPA	Michelle Snider
New Ulm	Sandy Bromley, Tom Schmitz
Northfield	Melissa Bernhard
Owatonna	Nikki Callahan, MJ Knudson, Eric Anderson, Tim Truelson, Dani Licht, Dani Bakken
Red Wing	Justin Plein
Rochester	Ed Staiert, Ben Boldt, Dale McCamish, Matt Davidson
St. Charles	Rick Schaber
St. Peter	Joey Schugel
Waseca	
Winona	Alicia Lano, Patrick Menton

Topic/Item	Summary of Discussion	Action
1. Call to order/ Introductions	Meeting called to order at 10:31 a.m.	Kevin O.
2. Additions to/Approval of Agenda	None.	Motion: Joey 2nd: David Motion Carried
3. Approval of minutes	The minutes of the meeting from the January, 2021 SMRPA meeting were motioned to be approved.	Motion: Dale 2nd: Tom Motion Carried
4. Treasurer's Report - By Nikki	General Fund (Checking) balance: \$2,478.27 Scholarship (Savings) Fund Balance: \$5,863.68 Approval of Treasurer Report	Motion: Tim 2nd: Eric Motion Carried
5. MSF Update	- 40th season - Last year down 50% - Youth VB first activity in spring 2021 - No adult team membership for winter 2021 - Softball mailing out in about a week - District meetings and umpire clinics will not be held in person this year.	David

6. MRPA Board of Directors Report	Board Report: - Working through financial issues - Held board orientation - Working on updating MRPA website, release date upcoming - Michelle's review: Michelle is a superstar! - Race & equity training with MRPA board - a couple 3 hour trainings offered to then bring back to the membership - Action on Chris Esser no longer employed, but kept as past president - Discussed board work plan for 2021	Paul
7. Recreational Sports Commission Report	Did not meet last month. Will meet in Feb.	

10. New Business

- A. System to collect and retain information received from "all-call" emails.
- Affordable forum?
 - In addition to FB group that was created.
 - Who is managing?
 - Open to trying something...MRPA website first.
- B. Summer publication plans for brochures, online only or additional mailers
- Northfield - Brochure going out in April but will be condensed with less detail. Pushing people to website for up to date programming info.
 - Owatonna - Advertising through school district, no brochure, updated info on website, 3 registration dates, beginning Feb. 22, Tackle FB this spring
 - Albert Lea - Advertising at schools, online, brochure partnership with Community Ed (condensing to 2 - 4 pages only) highlighting programs that will run
 - Winona - No guide this season - looking for ways to cross-promote (Covid vaccination sites)
- C. Scholarship Fund: Anything different in 2021 due to no Golf tournament in 2020?
- Balance is still healthy - \$1,000 X 2 for scholarships given - Joey (move forward)
 - Mary Jo golf tournament costs may increase due to covid - Carts still and issue (one person per cart unless from same family) - options for a divider
 - Eric Anderson - move forward if we can
 - Will move forward as planned...
- D. Parks Rx
- Prescribing parks from a physicians standpoint (lots of work on our end - import data and get local clinics on-board)
 - Kevin working on scheduling a meeting with an area Allina Rep.
 - Park Rx in New Prague, Jordan, and Savage
 - Ben - Olmsted County, Rochester Parks, Whitewater State Park, Mayo Clinic & other healthcare providers working together on this front. In the fall of 2019, they hosted a provider field trip. There seems to be avid fans at the Mayo Clinic, as well as Sara from Whitewater. Whitewater college students can help with data entry, SE Park Rx Facebook Page
 - Michelle - DNR...align GIS? Not possible at that time.
 - Kevin State Conference topic? Ben will talk with Sara at Whitewater about presenting.
 - Kevin MOU hurdle - Ben - template through Parks Rx, run by city attorney, signed, then kicks off relationship, enter data, get up and running, Ben will dig up exact steps/Kevin will look into MOU.
- E. Open Skate
- Ed Staiert in Rochester - Yes, requiring online registration, cap numbers, account set up in order to rent skates, etc.
 - Tom Schmitz in New Ulm - Yes, 25 limit, first come first served
 - Riley in Austin - 25 limit, online registration
 - Renting skates outdoors at the lake
- F. Adult Sports Running?
- Owatonna no
 - Armory in Faribault
- G. Timely Topics: Did anyone offer a successful Superbowl/football themed event?
- No
- H. What's new in your community?
- Eric Anderson, Owatonna - New director on Monday Jenna Tuma (Minneapolis Park Board - 3 River Park Dist. 20+ years in field) - Parks & Facilities operations in her past
 - Jill Stroudtman, Faribault - 23 families for winter event - golf shot, bocce ball, sling shots, ice balls, bulls eyes toss, horse wagon rides, new intern - Shelby Meyer!
 - Tom Schmitz, New Ulm - \$15 million new rec center 1/2 done - plan to open in August, Ninja Cross (in water, above water courses)
 - Patrick Menton, Winona - Wellness events: Indoor basketball free throw contest, hockey shoot,

11. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m..	Motion: Eric 2nd: Tim Motion Carried
<i>Respectfully submitted by:</i>		
<i>Melissa Bernhard, 2021 Recording Secretary</i>		