**AQ MRPA NETWORK MEETING: February 1st, 2023 – 10:30am**

**Housekeeping Items:**

* + Welcome Noah Beierman with Red Wing
	+ MRPA: Network Forums: <https://mnrpa.org/Forums>
	[Click here](https://mnrpa.org/resources/Documents/Forum%20dirctions.pdf) for the directions

**Discussion Topic: Lifeguard Games 2023**

* + Indoor option Eden Prairie
		- Tentative dates Sunday July 30th/ Back up August 6th.
	+ Outdoor option? BFAC?

**Discussion Topic: Update Training Classes on Shared Google Doc (Lifeguard, WSIT, LGIT, ETC.)**

* Link to add or update classes (training dates tab) in shared Google Doc: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mc-q7KE6KyH6uS7OPbtHq1hDo-Y9u5XKm7HRNM9BbX4/edit?usp=sharing>

**Discussion Topic: Conference 2023 - Aquatic Sessions**

* JJ Williams – Washington County (Co-Chair of MRPA Programming Committee): The committee is in the early stages of gathering program information and looking for suggestions or ideas for keynote speakers. If you have any suggestions, reach out to JJ Williams, JJ.Williams@co.washington.mn.us. The committee is also looking to finalize/suggest offsite institutes and opportunities focused on aquatics.

**Discussion Topic: WSIT Academy in Eden Prairie**

* The upcoming class in Eden Prairie is full, and tentatively looking to run another academy at the end of summer or in September – more information to follow.

**Discussion Topic: Bulk Original Watermen Order**

* Due April 14th to Erik @ erik@watermenbrand.com

**Discussion Topic: Pool footwear/ towel storage for an indoor pool: Corinne Mitchell – Monticello**

* Monticello is looking for better, visually appealing pool storage for patrons on the pool deck.
	+ Mikayla Beuch (Red Wing): has storage on the pool deck with hooks + benches for storage.
	+ Steve Skinner (Apple Valley): Agrees benches are the way to go, each for storage below (shoes + belongings).
	+ Diana Buck (Shoreview): Has both cubbies and lockers out by the pool deck, and cubbies are more popular for use.

**Discussion Topic:** **Network Goal for 2023** - *What are some 2023 program/ event ideas your working on?*

* Kristin Twitchell - City of Eagan: Working on putting together a lifeguard prep class to help individuals develop swim skills before taking a certification course or looking to learn more about lifeguarding before committing – hoping to start in March 2023.
	+ Mermaid University: looking to reach out to a representative to join a future MRPA meeting to learn about programming. (Plymouth and Shoreview also run mermaid programs).

* Diana Buck – City of Shoreview: Junior lifeguard program (Ellis Program), customer service focused as a pool/deck attendant as an introduction to lifeguarding. Has the opportunity to shadow lifeguards for additional training opportunities.

**Other Discussions:**

* Midwest Recreation Aquatics Fitness Conference: August 16-17th, 2023 – St. Cloud River’s Ede Convention Center.
* Link to flyer: <https://mn-mcea.org/event/midwest-recreation-aquatics-fitness-conference/2023-08-16/>
* Corinne Mitchel (Monticello) – Staff outdoor pool question regarding male lifeguards and uniform policy for shirts while on duty.
	+ Washington County, City of Eden Prairie, and Red Wing commented that shirts are optional on shift. Some organizations provide uniforms for lifeguards; some require that lifeguards purchase additional apparel (jackets, rash guards, etc.).
* New Prague: Glass incident at the pool. Facebook post: <https://www.facebook.com/npfitnessaquaticcenter/>
	+ A brief discussion on inspection glass on the pool desk –
		- Steve Skinner (Apple Valley): Has a consistent and universal process for routine inspections for all patrons that enter the pool area upon entrance, including checking belongings for glass, life jackets, etc.

**Next Meeting: March 1st 10:30am via zoom**