

WRPA State Conference-- Sheridan Business Luncheon Meeting Minutes 9/20/2019 12:30pm

- Brad Hatch, President, called the meeting to order at 12:30pm
- Sheridan Recreation District employee made announcements about tours
- Dan McCoy-- University of Wyoming-- Outdoor Recreation Degree Manager
 - Presented information to the delegates of WRPA regarding the new Outdoor Recreation Degree from the University of Wyoming.
 - Dan informed delegates of real-world experience requirements for the degrees including capstone projects and internships.
 - Dan expressed that community recreation organizations may be asked to participate
 - Dan requested delegates to assist in recruiting people to degree program
 - Delegate Carolyn Griffith asked about how to work with the University to set up an internship program
 - Dan stated that while they do not do internship placement, but we can send him information about our internship programs.
 - Not policy, but do prefer paid internships
 - Delegate from Laramie asked for information about guidelines for suggested for internships that organizations can use.
 - Dan will have information available.
 - Delegate asked if there were state-level discussions about tax changes to support tourism and recreation
- Brad asked for a motion to approve agenda for the meeting
 - Carolyn moved, Caroline second
 - Passed unanimously
- Brad asked for a motion to approve minutes from Oct 4th, 2018 meeting
 - Dale Bodeker moved, Jill Adams seconded
 - Passed Unanimously
- Kari Kivisto gave the financial report
 - Kari walked delegates through financial report
- Election of Officers-- Katie Duncombe
 - Katie explained requirements for each position
 - Katie took nominations for positions
 - Seeing none, closed nominations for secretary
 - Seeing none, closed nominations for member at large
 - Jen Haines assisted in counting ballots
 - Secretary
 - Board Members at Large
- 2019 Midwest Conference-- Laramie
 - Todd Feezer presented information about Midwest Conference April 22-24, 2019.
 - Bring in Monday afternoon, full Tuesday, half Wednesday
 - People, Purpose, Passion, Pathways to Success
- 2019 State Conference-- Gillette
 - Adam Gibson presented information about next year's state conference
 - September 30-Oct 2, 2019
 - Conference hosted at Ramada Plaza in Gillette
- Conference Rotation Schedule

- Section Reports
 - Administration Section-- Marilee Jackson
 - Report gave an update that the group is still meeting
 - Aquatics Section-- Desiree Vapenik
 - Recognized Scott Redman's birthday, the delegates sang happy birthday to him.
 - Desiree gave information about updates from Red Cross, and information from the Aquatics Section Report
 - Parks Section-- Sara Felix
 - Sara delivered a report for Parks Section meeting yesterday and to contact Sara if they want to be on the list. Sara also spoke of educational opportunities available for parks section folks.
 - Sports/Programming-- Scott Redman
 - Scott briefed the delegates about the content of the Sports programming meeting the day prior about keeping sports in Wyoming, contact information was shared for relevant delegates
 - By Laws-- WRPA Board
 - Brad Hatch explained that the Board regularly reviews by laws and updates them.
 - Brad explained that the Conference rotation schedule was modified after Rawlins withdrawal.
 - Board members handed out rotation schedules
 - Brad further explained that in light of this, the board adopted policies for what happens if a place wants to withdraw from the rotation
 - Brad also stated that there is a way for an organization to become a host for state conference.
 - Certifications-- Blaise Grant
 - Blaise delivered a report about the certifications. He also thanked Sheridan's staff for the conference. He also recognized those that received the CPRP and CPRPE. He told delegates to reach out to him if they are interested in getting their CPRP cert.
 - Legislation-- Monte Gilbraith
 - Monte gave an update about his work with Senator Boner and his support and work with the tourism and recreation committee. Monte also asked for information if he hears things that affect the legislature. Monte said he will try to keep delegates informed about issues.
 - Membership-- Mike Fink
 - Mike spoke about updating contact information for delegates. Mike asked for delegates to contact him if they have updated information. Mike also stated he would send out the contact list. New delegates are to contact Kari about new memberships.
 - Spring Workshop-- Laramie
 - Brad explained that there will be only Midwest Conference in Laramie for 2019, but after 2019 a spring workshop rotation will take place and that Kemmerer will host 2020.
 - Scholarships, Awards, Nominations-- Katie Duncombe
 - Katie presented results from elections
 - Katie Blood-- secretary
 - Three new at large members
 - Desiree Vapenik
 - Amber Anderson

- Mike Fink
 - JJ moved, someone seconded
 - Passed unanimously
 - Katie Duncombe explained that the following delegates got awards
 - Scott Sessions Scholarships-- Chase Judd
 - Paul Petzel-- Caroline Goick
 - Great Western Park and Playground-- Scott Redman
 - Children's Play Structures-- Richard Bridger
 - Annual Conference Scholarship is awarded in spring conference. Agencies are encouraged to donate to the conference scholarship
 - Katie explained requirements for conference
 - Conference Scholarship this year was awarded to Emileigh Hillstead
 - Brad presented WIP scholarship recipients
 - Marilee Jackson (drawn by Jason Burton)
 - Brad also told scholarship recipients to contact Kari Kivisto about checks
 - Brad recognized two board members for their service - Chase Judd and Sonja Fornstrom
 - Brad thanked Katie Duncombe for her leadership on the WRPA Awards Section.
 - Brad asked for agencies with little representation to come to him about being on the committee.
 - Website/Social Media-- Emileigh Hillstead
 - Emileigh presented the WRPA Website to Delegates. She requested delegates to send her any information changes. Sections are encouraged to send information to her for information. Emileigh also spoke of the WRPA Facebook and WRPA Instagram.
 - Wyoming State Parks-- Brooks Jordan
 - Brooks Jordan introduced himself to the WRPA Delegates. He presented information about Wyoming State Parks, explaining options for grant funding, programming, and more.
 - Brad encouraged delegates to develop relationships with State Parks and use them as programming options.
- Brad presented WIP awards.
- Carolyn Griffith
 - Commented to the turnover that has taken place within the organization, but she encouraged delegates to get involved in the agency and develop contacts throughout the agency. Carolyn also took time to recognize retired members of WRPA.
- Adjournment
 - Jen Haines moved, Jill Adams seconded
 - Passed unanimously
 - Meeting adjourned at 1:38pm