

Association of Recreation Councils Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2016 7:00pm, Bourne Building at 355 Montevue Lane

Attendees: Mark Raithel (BCRC), Joe Amick (CMRC), Paula Blundell (SRC), Donna Dawson (SRC), Sandy Burr (NC), Jolene Spielman (LRC), Pam Dietrick (MRC), Dawne Howard (NRC), Eric Appel (FCPR)

Eric Appel asked that everyone sign-in on the sheet and passed around meeting related hand-outs.

Eric Scholz (Pres) and Amanda Venable (VP) were unable to make the meeting. Eric Appel began the meeting at 7:00pm. Past minutes from March 2016 were reviewed. A spelling error was pointed out.

Eric Appel asked for approval of the past minutes and they were approved unanimously by the group.

PRESIDENT:

- No report

TREASURER:

Eric Appel gave a brief review of the Treasurers Report that has not changed since March 2016.

- The balance remains at \$536.69

COUNTY UPDATE:

- Eric Appel passed out Community Grant application information and asked all councils to consider applying before the deadline.
- Eric Appel passed out a Council Contact list for each attendee to review and submit back to him for updating

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Program Waivers** - Eric discussed the Program Waiver and how that ties into the Rec Council compliance. Sample forms are available on the Association website along with concussion information and other useful resources. The current FCPR was passed out as an example of what a waiver should have included.
- **Fiscal Year reporting** - Eric reminded the group of the End of Fiscal Year reporting that is due by Aug 31, 2016.
- **Rec Center and Foreman Field applications** - Eric reminded that we are currently accepting rec center rental application and that they should be turned in by Aug 31 for the best consideration.
- **Background Check Compliance** - Eric passed around the Background Check Acknowledgement form and reminded that all volunteers need to be checked through their liason and FCG HR. BCRC and SRC signed BG Check Acknowledgement form on-site and turned in to Eric.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **MARPSA Good Sports Awards** - Eric discussed the awards and event and informed that the deadline is in early November.
- **Association Officers Nominations** - Eric reminded the group that nominations for officers is at the next meeting in November.
- **Employees of Rec Council discussion** - Eric brought up the topic of recreation councils hiring on employees. We briefly discussed the concerns and limitations and what the county recommends. Eric asked the attendees if any of their councils were considering employees. None in attendance were considering.
- **Additional Insurance coverage for Board** - Eric brought up the topic of what the county's insurance covers and that they may want to consider additional coverage for their board and possibly volunteers. A brief discussion followed with what a few of the councils currently have in place.

ROUND TABLE:

The council discussed having alcohol in the parks during fundraisers. Councils in attendance gave updates on what they are currently working on and the programs they are involved with. During the round table the Senior Rec Council reps, Middletown Rec Council rep and CMRC rep each pointed out that they were not in attendance for the March meeting in which the groups were asked for their opinions on Alcohol use

as a fundraiser for activities or events. All 3 councils wished to be listed as "for" alcohol availability during a fundraiser.

Nature Council and MRC also stated that after checking the Association website that they were listed in the "other" tab and requested to be moved over with the other councils. They also would like to see a word version of the sample Program Waiver.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10pm