

Association Of Recreation Councils Meeting Minutes

Monday July 23, 2018 6:00 pm @ Bourne Building, Parks and Rec Main Office

- Call to Order by Eric Scholz, President, at 6:00 pm.
- **In Attendance:** Suede Baker (CRC); Eric Scholz (*Urbana*); Susan Janssen (SRC); Pam Dietrick (MRC); Michael Fyock (WNMRC), Kenny Smith (LRC); Ronald Kaltenbaugh (FCNC); Eric Appel (FCP&R/Secretary)
- **Approval of Previous Minutes:** March meeting minutes were reviewed. Discussion points on supplemental insurance policies for coaches arose. Eric Scholz mentioned that URC cannot purchase a policy direct. Eric Appel will look into possibility of Association purchasing for Rec Councils. Suede Baker mentioned that Fred Co Softball uses Frasier Insurance. The discussion point of passive areas being incorporated also started. Eric Appel mentioned that at Othello and Utica Park there will be trails and open space. An update was requested for the YMCA pool project. Eric Appel will follow up on the status of the pool project. Finally, Eric Scholz updated the group on the principal at Urbana Middle that wanted to have academic performance play a role in rec sports. Eric S. informed that principal was dismissed from his position recently.
- **Finance Report:** Eric Appel stated that the balance remains the same at \$536.69 with no transactions in the past year. Eric A. reported that the e-file for FY17 was submitted earlier this month.

I. Officers

- a) A reminder of Officers and terms was discussed- 2-year Term began July 1, 2017
- b) Eric Scholz, Pres.; Amanda Venable, V.P.; Pam Dietrick, Treasurer; E. Appel, Secretary. Officers will serve a 2 yr. term. Eric Scholz and Amanda are on term 2 of 2 for their positions.

II. County Updates

- a) Eric Appel reviewed the process for background checks that can be submitted electronically.
- b) The Council Contact list was passed around for review and edits
- c) Recreation Center application deadline was discussed
- d) Community Grant was discussed and information was handed out
- e) The tax filing/e-file requirement was discussed

III. New Business

- a) Eric Scholz updated the group on URC's Volunteer appreciation event plans going forward.
- b) The possibility of a county-wide volunteer picnic was discussed
- c) There was a discussion on alcohol permitting in county parks. Eric A. informed that he would sent the county code and policies regarding holding events with alcohol to council reps.

IV. Council Reports

- **Ballenger Creek** – not present
- **Brunswick** – not present
- **Carroll Manor** – not present
- **Catoctin** – Suede Baker gave an update on the status of the softball program and obstacles they are facing with getting new volunteers
- **Libertytown** – Kenny Smith gave a report on the status of LRC sports programs.

- **Middletown** - Pam Dietrick gave a summary on MRC's Events (Color Me Spring, Independence Day and Community Gardens).
- **Nature** – Ron Kaltenbaugh reported on the status of the Nature Council's upcoming Park After Dark event at FRNC. He also spoke on the Nature Fest at CCNC. Ron stated that FCNC used Wegmans for their volunteer appreciation and it worked out well.
- **Rose Hill** - not present
- **Senior** – Susan Janssen reported on the status of SRC programs, the fitness programming at Talley, and the pickleball group.
- **Urbana** – Eric Scholz discussed the possibility of a "train the trainer" type program to be initiated for the field prep/grooming that the Parks Dept. requires for users to be able to perform maintenance on the ball fields. Eric mentioned that is difficult for individuals to make it because there is only 1 scheduled on a weekday.
- **Woodsboro-New Midway** – Michael Fyock reported on the current status of sports programs in Woodsboro. Michael had some questions for the group regarding how they process background checks.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday November 26, 2018 at 6:00pm. Bourne Building, Training Room, 355 Montevue Lane