

Association Of Recreation Councils Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 17, 2021 6:00 pm via videoconference

Melissa Thomas called meeting to order at 6:05pm.

In Attendance:

Mary Bellamy (BARC); Janise Hill (BCRC); Melissa Thomas (CRC); Regine Schwab (SRC); Greg Rooney (CMRC); Shawn Carey (WNMRC); Eric Appel (FCP&R/Secretary, non-voting)

Introduction of attendees

President Report:

- **Past Meeting Minutes:** Attendees previously reviewed the July 2021 meeting minutes. There were no edits and the minutes were approved.
- **Policy Review and Background screening:** the history and reasoning behind updating the Background Screening Policy was discussed.

Treasurer Report:

- Eric A. reported on the balance- \$536.69 with no transactions in the past year. BB&T is now Truist. Eric reminded Council reps to work with their Treasurer at the next meeting to complete the IRS Tax filing and also Annual Financial reporting to FCG/DPR.
- Shawn C. reported that WNMRC is working to get reinstated as exempt 501C3

Secretary Report:

- Council Contact List was sent out and is being updated. Eric will send it out to all reps once completed.

County Report:

- **FCG Liaisons:** Eric reminded Council reps of the responsibility of their Council Liaison to be at all meetings and a resource for them
- **Field Reservations:** Eric informed of the updated Field Reservation process and to contact T.L. Starick for any questions regarding the use of FCG athletic fields to include any school fields at recreation center locations

Open Forum:

- **Ballenger Creek** – Janise reported on the start-up of the BCRC basketball programs.
- **Brunswick Area** – Mary Bellamy reported on the events that have been taking place with BARC: Witches' Dance, Veterans Day Parade, and participation in the town of Brunswick's Holiday parade. At Deadman's Challenge the wagon was lost but the event went well. Wedding Vow renewal was not successful and may be discontinued. Reaching potential participants and promotions have been hard since the Brunswick newspaper closed.
- **CMRC** – Greg reported on the turnover of officers and even though they are without commissioners he has decided to still offer baseball and basketball this year. Baseball has six (6) teams this fall.

- **Catoctin Area** - Melissa reported on the status of the Softball program. Fall season has finished. Spring registration will open in January. They are trying to find ways to reach more people in the area.
- **Libertytown** – not present
- **Middletown** – not present
- **Museum** – not present
- **Nature** – not present
- **Senior** – Regine reported on SRC membership happenings. SRC had their membership mtg and picnic over the summer. Exercise programs are back in swing with good participation. The basketball program is back on Tuesdays at Walkersville Rec
- **Urbana** – not present but report sent by Jason and Mark. Their President has stepped down so they will be holding elections for his replacement the first week of December. Winter sports - basketball and wrestling has begun and things are so far so good. Our fall sports programs have ended with the exception of football as our 8th grade team will be competing in the super bowl this weekend. All in all, URC felt the fall programs were a success even with covid situation.
- **Woodsboro/New Midway** – Shawn reported on the basketball program getting off to a good start with three (3) teams and open gym

Motion to adjourn, motion seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm

NOTE - Next Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday March 30, 2021 at 6:00pm.**