

Association Of Recreation Councils Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 21, 2021 6:00 pm via videoconference

Jason Cross called meeting to order at 6:05pm.

In Attendance:

Mary Bellamy (BARC); Dana Collingwood (FCNC); Jason Cross (URC/Pres.); John Campbell (BCRC/V.P.); Amanda Venable (Museum); Melissa Thomas (CRC); Regine Schwab (SRC); Trina Belote (CMRC); Eric Appel (FCP&R/Secretary, non-voting)

Introduction of Officers:

President Jason Cross introduced the new Officers for term of Jul 2021 – July 2023

P – Jason Cross (Urbana)

VP – Melissa Thomas (Catoctin)

T – Pam Dietrick (Middletown)

S – Eric Appel (FCG/DPR, non-voting)

President Report:

- **Past Meeting Minutes:** Attendees reviewed the March 2021 meeting minutes. There were no edits and the minutes were approved.
- **Policy & Guidelines for Operations of Recreation Councils:** the history and reasoning behind updating the Guidelines was discussed. The document was made available on the Association website and in the meeting chat. It was also included in the email for the meeting invite.

Treasurer Report:

- Pam was not in attendance. Eric A. reported on the balance- \$536.69 with no transactions in the past year. Eric reported that the IRS E-File postcard 990 was submitted for the Association. 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.

Secretary Report:

- Council Contact List was sent out and is being updated. Continue to send updates to Eric A.

County Report:

- **BG Screening Policy:** Eric reminded Council reps of the BG Screening Policy and of the importance of ensuring that it is followed to limit their personal and organizational liability. It is available online at the Association website and also from Eric or your Council Liaison.
- **Guidelines for Establishment and Operation of Recreation Councils:** the aforementioned document needs to be read and reviewed with Council Officers so that all are aware of how the FCG/DPR to Council relationship works. The key update is that FCG Gen. Liability policy will not be issued for out-of-state activities. Councils will have to seek supplemental insurance for participation in out of state activities.
- **FCG Liaison update:** Ginny Edwards is the new liaison to Libertytown Rec Council

Open Forum:

- **Ballenger Creek** – John Campbell stated that BCRC is holding and waiting on guidance on use of schools for basketball from FCG-FCPS.
- **Brunswick Area** – Mary Bellamy reported that BARC softball program didn't work out but they are going to try a different format. Mary informed the attendees of the BARC activities such as Wedding Vow Renewal, downhill mile and Dead Man's Challenge. BARC is planning to run their full slate of activities in the fall.
- **CMRC** – Trina Belote stated that there were spring/summer baseball ran with 2 teams at each age level. Field Hockey, Cross Country and Soccer are open for registration. CMRC is offering LAX Clinics to build up their numbers.
- **Catoclin Area** - Melissa Thomas reported that Softball season has finished and they are in the middle of registration for fall season softball program.
- **Libertytown** – not present
- **Middletown** – not present
- **Senior** – Regine Schwab reported that SRC membership is at 300. They have 20+ in their biking program. Exercise classes have 70+ participating. Rec Baseball is a new program with 5 teams. Easy Hikes resume in September. Regine asked about the possibility of a booth at the Frederick Fair.
- **Nature** – Dana Collingwood reported on the upcoming Butterfly Count program at CCNC. Nature Explore Trail at Fountain Rock Park continues to be an initiative for the Council to create an outdoor classroom. A large “mud kitchen” was added to the current trail. Master Naturalist class will take place on Fridays 8:00-2:30. The Council plans to hold their Volunteer Appreciation Event in October. Dana spoke about the Councils booth at the Frederick Fair.
- **Museum** – Amanda Venable reported that RHM has been closed and reopened in the spring. The council has been working on artifact acquisition and community outreach
- **Urbana** – Jason Cross reported that URC is busy with fall sports and working through BG screenings for volunteers. The Football program has seen an increase in numbers. Basketball registration has started.
- **Woodsboro/New Midway** – not present

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm

NOTE - Next Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday November 17, 2021 at 6:00pm.**