

Association Of Recreation Councils Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 24, 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.); Michael Fyock (WNMRC); Joe Click (LRC); Amanda Venable (Museum); Melissa Thomas (CRC); Sally Selby (SRC); Trina Belote (CMRC); Eric Appel (FCP&R/Secretary, non-voting); Erin Kleintop (FCP&R)

Past Meeting Minutes:

- Attendees reviewed the November 2020 meeting minutes. There were no edits to the November 2020 minutes.
- Jason Cross highlighted the key points from that meeting (Background Screening, Insurance Coverage, and Officer Nominations).

Association Officer Elections:

Officers were elected for term July 2021 through July 2023. Officers for Jul 2021-Jul 2023 are as follow: President – Jason Cross, Vice President – Melissa Thomas, Treasurer – Pam Dietrick. No representatives were opposed to Pam serving as Treasurer for a third consecutive term. There were no other nominations for Treasurer.

Treasurer Report:

- Balance- \$536.69 with no transactions in the past year.

Secretary Report:

- The contact list for each council was emailed to all President's/ reps to review and send any updates to Eric.

County Report:

- The key responsibilities of each Council regarding the background screening policy were reviewed.
- Eric explained that the “Guidelines for Establishment and Operation of Recreation Councils” was updated. It was more than 10 years old. 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.
- Eric explained the importance of filing taxes so that Councils maintain good standing as a subordinate organization in the Association and maintain tax-exempt status.
- Eric discussed the FCP&R Rec staff that serve as liaisons to each council. Recreation Dept. has two (2) new staff. Ginny Edwards will be the new County liaison for Libertytown Rec Council.
- “Background Screening Policy” and “Guidelines for Establishment and Operation of Rec Councils” documents were provided via email prior to the meeting.

Open Forum:

- **Ballenger Creek** – John Campbell stated that the soccer season was progressing and that Basketball was still on-hold due.
- **Brunswick Area** – Mary Bellamy reported that BARC had a successful winter and did it safely with the Freezin for a Reason Polar Bear Plunge. \$1,800 was raised. Softball program began and runs May through August.
- **CMRC** – Trina Belote stated that there were no winter sports for CMRC. Spring LAX is started with smaller teams and 5-6/7-8 yrs. only. Soccer is underway and they are getting ready for softball and baseball.
- **Catoctin Area** - softball season is underway
- **Libertytown** – Joe Click reported that LRC has 9 AAU teams. Baseball and softball is getting underway. LRC hosted a drive thru food drive for “I Believe in Me”. Joe asked about the availability of the concession stand and Eric will check on that.
- **Senior** – Sally Selby reported that underway is the bowling program and virtual book club. Day hikes are also happening. SRC is looking to gain indoor access at Talley Rec Center.
- **Nature** – Dana Collingwood reported on the planning for the Nature Explore Trail project and Master Naturalist program
- **Museum** – Amanda Venable reported that RHM has been closed and therefore the fundraising events have been cancelled. The council is researching events with the goal to modernize them.
- **Urbana** – Jason Cross reported that softball & baseball are starting and that they have field concerns for the fall season sports programs.
- **Woodsboro/New Midway** – Michael Fyock reported that WNMRC will have baseball this spring but not enough enrollment to have the soccer program

Meeting adjourned at approx. 7:00pm

NOTE - Next Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday July 28, 2021 at 6:00pm**. Location – TBD, possibly MS Teams or Bourne Building (Parks & Rec Central Office).