

National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials
Board Meeting Minutes July 17, 2011
Multnomah County Library
801 Southwest 10th Avenue
Portland, OR
1:30 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President, Steve Madewell.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Those Present:

Steve Madewell	Lake Metroparks
Jodie Adams	Springfield – Greene County, MO
RJ Cardin	Maricopa County, AZ
Scott Bangle	Riverside County Parks
Mark Denny	Orange County, CA
Michael Meadors	Johnson County, KS
Bill Palmer	EBR Parish (BREC)
Curt Sloan	Douglas County Parks, Trails & Building Grounds
Ted Jack	BREC
John VonDeLinde	Adoka County Parks, MN
Dale Auzenne	BREC
Mark Thornton	Hillsborough County, FL
Maureen Svelgrone	San Bernardino County, CA
Gary Barth	Clackamas County, OR
Larry Blackstad	Three Rivers Park District, MN
Cris Gears	Three Rivers Park District, MN
Jerry Pagic	Champion County Forest Preserve District, IL
Bob Nickovich	Lake County Parks, IN
Mika Yamanoto	Lake County Parks and Recreation
Russ Guiney	LA County Parks and Recreation
John Knight	Shawnee County, K

2. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

3. REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

4. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by RJ Cardin to approve the minutes of October 25, 2010, seconded by Michael Meadors. Motion was passed unanimously.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation – RJ Cardin reported on LWCF and Transportation Bill. (report in packet). Steve Madewell and Andy Kimmel are working with NACo – support tax incentives on Natural Resource initiatives/land owners. NACo continuing current platform. Discussion on legislative on Americas Great Outdoors – stateside funding. Russ Guiney – preference to allow stateside decision making on funding. Motion by Russ Guiney if funding is appropriated – NACPRO position to allow stateside decision/leadership as to where the funding should go. Seconded by Michael Meadors.

Finance – Director reported that spending is down. Good finance condition. Conference is even. (report in packet).

By-laws – Mark Thornton – no changes to report.

Awards – John Knight gave banquet information. There are 24 awards in 18 categories.

Membership – Curt Sloan gave Andy Kimmel's report. There are 82 current members. (report in packet).

Corporate memberships down to 2 from 40 in 2004 – 30 in 08-09.

Steve Madewell discussed corporate issue. Corporate membership is not a guarantee any longer. Their dollars are tight. We should talk with our vendors who we use daily to get them involved. We need a table top exhibit ready to go for meetings and conferences.

Nominating – Proposals included. Cris Gears gave report. Slate of board officers. Motion by Bill Palmer, seconded by Mark Denny. Motion passed unanimously.

Professional Education – Andy Kimmel – joint session with county planners. NRPA many programs.

Internet – Margie Walz (report in packet). April had heavy use.

Meeting Arrangements – Margie Walz/Cris Gears. NACPRO to market during county NRPA offsites. Meeting date to be announced.

NACo - Report

NRPA – Jodie Adams

Program committee
Proragis– Sept. 16 deadline
30-35 sessions focused on counties
Research papers – attached
Directors school
Ice Arena Managers School
Congress
Green Parks/Green Communities
2 year course
February

Steve Madewell commented on economic benefits research. What role do counties play?
Larry Blackstad – September 27 national discussion to be started on economic value of parks in DC. Non-traditional speakers – research papers by urban institute – NACo involved.

Steve Madewell discussed conversations with Rich Dolesh – NRPA and his dialogue about getting a task force together to address economic benefits. NRPA bringing national discussion not regional.

Jodie Adams – Two books – Playcore/NRPA (1) school joint use research (2) American Trails Conference. Book on resources – Playcore sponsor.

CAPRA – Report in packet. Scott Bangle to replace Greg Mack.

7. PRESIDENTS REPORT

- Steve Madewell stated his appreciation to all who supported the past year. RJ Cardin to be president next year.
- Organizational stability
- Partnerships
- Changing times/roles
- Maintain current relationships with NACo/NRPA
- Thanks to Andy Kimmel – has the finger on the pulse of NACo
- Next step is to work on NRPA liaison and relationships
- RJ to look at structure of NACPRO/NRPA committee much like current NACO relationship
- Continue professional education sessions with NACO/NRPA
- Programs at Marriott Courtyard
- Continue to modify by-laws – changing role in retirees

- Awards Committee – continue recognition corporate memberships needs to improve/evolve
- Expand communication – web improved
- Fiscal stability
- Expand to other groups (NARRP) (state parks)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Change title to Executive Secretary rather than Executive Director
- Bylaws modified to change name
- IRS forms filled/completed
- All original documents completed

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Steve Dice has asked to serve as liaison between NACPRO and NARRP

10. OPEN FORUM

- Three Rivers will host park district forum in mid June '12
- By law changes for possible two year President term – should we continue as is or should we discuss modifications to by laws?
- Discussion held regarding this issue by the Board
- RJ – NACPRO needs a strategic plan
Discussion held on strategic planning and board direction
- Discussion on Executive Director – Executive Secretary – who does the work of organization?
- Draft to be sent on bylaws change prior to NRPA Atlanta for discussion – approval of next annual meeting July 2012
- Director's contract renewal schedule

11. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 pm – Atlanta

12. ADJOURN

Motion by Scott Bangle to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Michael Meadors.
Motion passed unanimously.