

Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority (RMRA)

May 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Jock at 7:05 p.m. at the CRAF Center.

Board Members Present: S. Jock, C. Allen, P. Miller, K. Williams

Recognition of Guests: B. Yannatta (CRAF Center), Julie Crick (Michigan State Extension Natural Resources Educator)

Julie Crick (MSU Extension) discussed collaborating with RMRA on summer youth activities.

Approval of Agenda – Motion C. Allen, 2nd P. Miller, with additions: Resignation of Matt Nester, Recruitment of new board member, RiverFest Insurance, of motion carried.

Minutes – Motion to accept minutes as corrected – Minutes of March 19, 2014 meeting - under New Business DNR Grants- SHOULD READ “RMRA is not eligible for DNR Grants because we are not owned by a governmental agency.” Motion P. Miller, 2nd K. Williams, motion carried.

Correspondence – B. Yannatta will give Invoices for broadcast music (CRAF Center) for a total of \$406.27. They will be presented to the Roscommon DDA for ½ reimbursement to the CRAF Center.

Treasurer Report – P. Miller – The Income & Expense Summary (through April 30, 2014) presented. Checking \$714.84, Savings \$407.48, Money Market \$47,846.92 for a total of \$49, 862.80. Motion to accept C. Allen, 2nd K. Williams, motion carried.

Reports: Old Business

- Recreation Authority – S. Jock
- RMRA Web Page – Changes have been made to the website, new photos will be added soon. roscorec.org
- 2014 Gazebo Concert Series – Concessions – Ben Dodge has volunteered to run the concessions this season.
- Can Drive – The Wooden Ship is in the lot adjacent to the Sunny Spot, to collect pop/beer cans as a fundraiser for Metro Park Playground equipment. It will be there for 2 weeks.
- Insurance Premiums 2014-15 – B. Yannatta will pass DUE notices to appropriate groups for payment.
- Focus Group – Future of the CRAF Center – A meeting was held this afternoon (S. Jock, P. Miller, C. Allen, B. Yannatta, Jeff, Ruth and Nikki) to discuss programs, access needs, space utilization, duties and responsibilities. Staff has been asked to prepare a list of suggestions.
- Independent Distributor Open House – Held May 1 at the CRAF Center netted RMRA \$220. The next one will be held November 11, 2014 in conjunction with Girls Night Out.
- Resignation of Bruce Yannatta – RECINDED.
- Mackinaw Bridge Tour – No word.

New Business:

- Metro Park Playground – Higgins Township has budgeted \$5,000, Hart Ford-Lincoln has pledged \$1,000. Grants have been submitted to United Way, Weyerhaeuser, and Chemical Bank. Mailing lists will be obtained from Todd Jansen (ReMax), HLRCC, the Village and others for a direct mailing. Roscommon Rotary Club has received an endowment to be used to complete a project.
- RMRA will take over Breakfast with Santa, in conjunction with Christmas in the Village, as a fundraiser. These funds could be designated for Metro Park Maintenance.
- A marquee sign has been donated to RMRA for the CRAF Center. (The sign was purchased for the Library by Rotary). P. Miller will look into the necessary permits. It was suggested that the marquee be incased in red brick, Tom O'Brien will be consulted.
- AuSable River Center – Paddle making class will begin May 10. ARV had a space at the Quiet Water Symposium.

- Matt Nester has tendered his resignation to the RMRA Board. While working in Houghton Lake he is not able to make RMRA meetings. An article will be placed in the papers requesting anyone interested to contact Sue Jock.
- RiverFest needs to submit a list of events for the 2014 festival to ascertain insurance rider fees to cover the event.

Christmas in the Village (CIV) – No report.

CRAF Center – B. Yannatta – Presented financial report as of April 30, 2014. Balances are down due to the harsh winter, boiler repair, hot water heater replacement and increased snow removal fees. Membership is down due to the weather change.

Gahagan Nature Preserve – No Report

B. Yannatta asked that we visit the gymnastics room as a possible site for additional rental space. The RMRA Board will look at all current contracts for possible restructuring and space utilization of the CRAF Center for all programs.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn P. Miller, 2nd C. Allen. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will July 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the CRAF Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Allen
Secretary