

South  Suburban  
**Park & Recreation**  
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Chicago State University  
Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 11:00am  
MINUTES

President Kelly Rajzer called the meeting to order at 11:20am.

Any new attendees introduced themselves

**President's Report** – Kelly Rajzer thanked Chicago State University for hosting the meeting. She also thanked Adam Fisher and Laurie Fanelli for their hard work with the conference social.

**President Elect's Report** – None

**Past President's Report** – None

**Secretary's Report** – Marissa Cardoni presented the January meeting minutes for approval. Meghan Fenlon motioned for approval and Laurie Fanelli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sharon Rybak presented the treasurers report for approval. Meghan Fenlon motioned for approval and Marissa Cardoni seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports** –

- Athletics – Eric Lawhead announced that the next meeting will be February 16, 2010 at 1:00pm at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Tinley Park.
- Awards – Jeannette Huber announced that everyone should have received the awards pamphlet via e-mail. She also encouraged everyone to nominate someone – it is a great time to recognize people. Please let Jeannette Huber or Lori Chesna know of any milestones within your agency. The deadline to submit nominations is March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Day Camp – Meghan Fenlon announced that the Day Camp Workshop will be held on June 4, 2010 at the Tinley Park Park District. The next day camp meeting will be held in March. She is currently looking for speakers and donations – please contact her with any information.
- Program – Meghan Fenlon thanked Chicago State University for hosting the meeting. She explained that we will be meeting in groups of professionals and students immediately following the business meeting. Next month's workshop will be on stress management.
- Social – Laurie Fanelli thanked Direct Fitness for sponsoring the conference social and today's meeting. Also, thanked everyone who attended the social. The May social will be held at Oak Forest Bowl.
- Sponsorship – Colleen O'Connell thanked Advanced Ground Care and Direct Fitness for sponsoring the meeting.
- Teen – Meghan Fenlon announced the next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in Palos Heights.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** –

- IPRA Conference Social Discussion
  - The issues from this past social were discussed. These issues include: people not wanting to pay, low attendance, low profit made, not the right networking place for the sponsor, people giving Adam, Laurie, and volunteers a hard time at the door, conflict of

time with the IPRA social, no money raised for the sponsorship fund, and lack of volunteers.

- Mike Leonard made a motion that SSPRPA will work with IPRA to correct the current issues and continue to offer the same social. Eric Lawhead seconded the motion. All in favor, no one opposed.
- Jeannette Huber stressed how important it is for people to step-up and help out with the social. Things are continually falling back on the same people.
- Colleen O'Connell talked about how the social is currently not the right networking and advertising avenue for the sponsor.
- Other suggestions made: have student volunteers help at the door, have directors run the entrance door, possibly go to an off site location to have the social.
- Founding Father Award
  - There was discussion at the Legislative/Directors meeting on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> about adding a Founding Father Award to the SSPRPA awards pamphlet.
  - Jeannette Huber thinks it is a good idea, but there is a lot that needs to be worked out. It is a possibility for something to happen this year. She also feels that this award belongs under the awards committee, not the legislative committee. Jeannette is willing to meet with Lori Chesna and others to work out the details. She doesn't want to "jump the gun" just to make the award happen and then see it fall by the wayside. Jeannette said this award has a lot of potential and will continue to work out the details.

**Correspondence** – None

**Announcements** –

- Chris Hansen from Advanced Ground Care and Rudy Pottorff from Direct Fitness gave presentations about their businesses.
- The Community & Marketing section of IPRA will be meeting at the Tinley Park Park District on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. There is more information available on the IPRA website.
- SWSRA is hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Walk, Run, or Roll Race on Sunday, May 2 at 7:30am. They are currently looking for more participants. Please pass the information along to your SRA's. They are also looking for charity runners. If you are interested, contact Denise Iwinski at SWSRA.
- The next meeting will be Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the Park District of LaGrange at 11:00am.

**Adjournment** – Sharon Rybak made a motion to adjourn and Mike Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marissa Cardoni  
Marissa Cardoni, Secretary