

South  Suburban
Park & Recreation
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Alsip Park District – Apollo Recreation Center
Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 11:00am
MINUTES

President Kelly Rajzer called the meeting to order at 11:10am.

All those in attendance introduced themselves.

President's Report – Kelly introduced Ron Salski and Ron Oestreich to speak about IPRA and IAPD. These are the main points that Ron and Ron talked about:

- Finances
 - IPRA is getting back on their feet with finances. The money is in the black again. There will be a webinar at the end of the month with all the finance reports.
- Headquarters
 - The rent has been negotiated for a smaller monthly payment. There is a chance of moving the headquarters to the LaGrange Park District if they can get out of the current lease which ends in 2012.
- Consolidation of IPRA and IAPD
 - Both associations have agreed to meet to talk about merging as one. If the merge does occur, it will not be because of finances, but to make one efficient state association. This is still in the very early phases.
- Dues
 - The dues will not be increased and will be out November 1st. It is important to keep up with your IPRA membership because will continue to prove to be beneficial as a professional.

President Elect's Report – Erin Lynched announced the inclusion workshop at the end of the meeting. It is going to be a helpful and informative workshop about Park District's and SRA's working together. Everyone is welcome to stay.

Past President's Report – There is another graduate cohort program starting in January through Governor's State. There are flyers on the table with more information.

Secretary's Report – Marissa Cardoni presented the September meeting minutes for approval. Jason Buckholtz motioned for approval and Colleen O'Connell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Sharon Rybak presented the treasurers report for approval. Noel Maldonado motioned for approval and Bob Novak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports –

- Legislative – Evelyn Gleason reported that the legislature is in vito session. There is still a lot of work to be done on the budget.
- Social – Laurie Fanelli is currently seeking help and volunteers for the conference social; please see her if you are interested. Direct Fitness will be the conference social sponsor again.

- Program – Meghan Fenlon thanked Alsip Park District for hosting the meeting and Let's Go Play for sponsoring the meeting. She also thanked Erin and Ryan for speaking at the program after the meeting.
- Awards – Scholarships will be announced along with the awards at the April meeting. Please let Lori Chesna know about and milestones for this year.
- Community Leader Banquet – Kelly Rajzer announced that the banquet will be on April 27, 2009 and the location is to be determined. There is a possibility of getting giveaways to the legislatures. Also looking into 2 drink tickets per person as opposed to an open bar.
- Aquatics – Jennifer Williams announced that the first meeting will be Wednesday, October 21st in Lockport
- Teens – Ashley Asdit announced that the next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21st at 3:00pm at the Oak Forest Park District.
- Day Camp – Erin Lynch said the day camp workshop went really well. She thanked everyone who attended and appreciates all the feedback. She also thanked Jeanette and Lori for their great presentation at the workshop.
- Scholarship – LeAnn Fisk reported that there will be an undergraduate and graduate scholarship awarded next year. Each scholarship will be \$500. The applications for both scholarships are available online.
- Sponsorship – Colleen O'Connell thanked Let's Go Play for sponsoring the meeting. Colleen sent out packets to all associate members with the new sponsorship information. Contact Colleen with any questions regarding the updated sponsor information. Colleen also talked about the NRPA social. There will be a social on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:30pm at Lumpy's. There was \$500 approved for the social and only SSPRPA members will receive wristbands. Once the money runs out, it will be a cash bar.
- Athletics – Eric Lawhead announced the next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th at 2:00pm at the Worth Park District.

Old Business – None

New Business – If any of the committee meetings have changes, please notify everyone as soon as possible.

Correspondence – None

Announcements –

- Erin Lynch announced Ryan Cortez's career change. She will be leaving SWSRA and will be working at Gateway SRA. Good luck Ryan; you'll be missed!
- John Curran is running for the Metro South division. Elections will be held starting October 21st through October 30th. Results will be announced November 2nd.
- The next meeting will be November 12th at 11:00am at the Burbank Park District.

Adjournment – Evelyn Gleason made a motion to adjourn and Kelly Rajzer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Marissa Cardoni
 Marissa Cardoni, Secretary