



General Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2021
Alley Grill & Tap House, Mokena

Call to Order- 12:14 pm

Introductions- Kevin: We are going to skip introductions given our current forum. If you do not know someone at your table, introduce yourself.

President's Report- Thank you Alley Grill & Tap House for having us. Thank you to our sponsor Proven IT. A special thank you to the Social Committee, particularly Erin and Cassie. They have gone above and beyond navigating our socials with COVID mitigations as well as the stuff with the IPRA social. I have submitted the application for IPRF's Sponsorship for Education Program. This is a request to get \$750 to cover the cost of Bobbi Nance for the March workshop. I have a meeting with the IPRF Board of Trustees tomorrow at 9 am to present, so I should have an idea in a few weeks if we are getting that sponsorship money.

President Elect- Thank you so much to the Social Committee and the bowling alley grill and tap. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everybody.

Past President's Report – The shirts are in. If you did not get your shirt, talk to Jason. Have a happy holiday!

Secretary's Report –The minutes have been posted on the SSPRPA website so check those out. Thank you to Erin and Cassie for putting together a great social. Looking forward to it. Happy holidays to everyone!

Motion to approve the November General meeting minutes: Meghan Fenlon from Tinley Park Park District, Second: Lauren Koszola from Palos Heights Parks & Recreation.

Motion carries

Treasurer's Report – At the beginning of November our balance was \$16,701.49. Our total deposits were \$1,238.98. Those were from meeting fees, workshop fees, sponsorships and donations throughout the month of November. Our total expenses for the month were \$2,110.89. That was for the deposit for today's social, lunch for the October meeting as well as the \$1,500 for Bobbie Nance for the November and March workshops. Our ending balance as of November 30, 2021 is \$15,829.58.

Kevin: Any questions on the Treasurer's report? We will file that report for audit.

Committee Reports

- **Athletics (Keith Blomberg)**- The Athletic Committee is looking for someone to be a co-chair, so if you know of someone that might be interested, have them contact me. We met on Monday, November 15. We had 6 in attendance. We talked about athletic events, volunteers for youth leagues, open gym and drop-in programs. Our next meeting is Monday, December 20. We also met about our Rocket League Esports Tournament. We have eight agencies participating. Thank you to participating agencies for getting another Rocket League Tournament going. It is for ages 7-10 and 11-13 and we will be starting January 24.
- **Awards (Rachel Bauer & Kristine Wahlgren)** - Rachel: For awards, we are working on updating the awards criteria. April is our awards ceremony so we will have information available in March. There will be some changes so we will update you on those changes at the February meeting.
- **Day Camp/Teens (Meghan Fenlon)** - Our next meeting is a week from today, Thursday at 10 am. I sent the link out this morning so if you did not get it, let me know. Hopefully it will be posted on the website as well. That will be for our regular teen meeting as well as a camp meeting. If you are interested in joining Day Camp workshop, which is a large workshop we put on the first Friday of June, let me know because after the New Year we will probably start meeting on that. You do not have to be part of day camp to be part of Day Camp Workshop Committee. If you are in athletics, special events; we are looking for anybody. Let me know and I can send the information when we start meeting in January and February.
- **Diversity (Keith Wallace & Nikki Gotsch)** - Keith: Our next meeting is on the 16th. We will be packing our blessing bags for the Crisis Center if you would like to give Nikki some gifts. We will be doing that at Lockport at 9 am on the 16th. 9 am is diversity and donuts discussion and 10 am we begin packing the blessing bags. We will be discussing Colin in Black and White documentary.
- **Early Childhood (Karen Cooper, Scott Gray & Kelly Matson)** – Absent/no report.
- **Facilities (Chris Finn & Rachel Bauer)** - Rachel: We met on November 17 at the new Midlothian facility. The topic was getting people back in your facility since COVID. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 15 at 1:30 pm via Zoom. Topics are fitness trends and member retention. If you have someone that is a member that deals with fitness, let me know and we will get them that link.
- **Legislative (Hollie Clark & Greg Lewis)** - Greg: We met on Monday via Zoom. Parks Day conference has been moved up to March 8 and 9. Legislators will be adjourning from session April 8 which is two months earlier than in the past and will probably get back to their districts. Breakfast meetings are up in the air. The legislators will be back around in the spring. OSLAD Grants have started for the last cycle to be awarded. I don't think you will see anything awarded until after the New Year. The big take away is to reconnect with your legislators.
- **Membership/Publicity (Jason Braglia & Beth Nagel)**-Jason: Currently we have 232 members; 49 full members, 171 select members, 3 full business members, 5 individual business members, 1 retired member, 1 individual member and 1 University member (Chicago State University). Just a reminder, agendas, meeting minutes and treasurers reports are posted on the website and not printed out.

- **Professional Development (Olga Viano & Beth Nagel)** - Olga: the last workshop and the last meeting we had, if you took a CEU form, the dates are not correct. I spoke with Duane from IPRA and he said that is not a big deal if the date is wrong, so when you are entering it in, if you notice that it is ok. January meeting is at Hickory Hills and we have T-Mobile and AT&T presenting, they are combined. We have not met yet for next year, but will meet after the New Year.
- **School Age (Rebecca Perkaus)** - Absent/report submitted: They did not meet Friday, December 3. In place of the meeting there were questions sent out to the members of the committee and those responses are due by Friday, December 10. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 28. However, due to conference, we will either move the meeting to the week prior which is January 21 or try to meet at conference. She is waiting to hear back from the group on their preference.
- **Social (Cassie Proctor & Erin Cortilet)** - Cassie: Thank you to everyone that came to the social and for those that are planning to bowl. Thank you to Erin for getting this all set-up. You should have received raffle tickets if you walked in the door, are wearing an ugly sweater, or if you donated to the blessing bags for the Diversity Committee. If you did not, please let me know. We are also selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The social committee is going to meet December 21 via Zoom to finalize details for the conference social. We are looking at potentially doing an offsite social.
Kevin: it is guaranteed
Cassie: A guaranteed offsite social. We are looking at Spin Chicago or Lizzy McNeill's. We are going to meet to decide that. If you are interested in joining the social committee, let myself or Erin know. We start at 9:30 am so it is an easy meeting to join. If you are going to conference, please come out to the social.
- **Special Events (Eric Sloyan & Cassie Proctor)** - Eric: We met back in November. We discussed all of our holiday events and different Santa vendors that each district uses. We will be meeting again on Tuesday, December 14 at 11 am via Zoom.
- **Sponsorship/Marketing (Jason Braglia)** - I would like to thank our sponsor Proven IT and we will give them some time after to discuss their company. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 14 at 10 am. We are going to discuss the marketing of SSPRPA, different techniques to acquire sponsorships for your own events and programs and social media. I am looking for someone to take over as chair because I will be switching departments. If there is anyone interested, let me know.
- **Student (Delaney Harty)** - Absent/submitted report: they are planning to meet Tuesday, December 21 at 2 pm via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please email her. The student meeting is scheduled for February 10 at Moraine Valley.

Old Business

New Business

- Wilson Family Scholarship Fund – Kevin: John Wilson approached me in early October. He currently has the Wilson Family Scholarship through IPRF. He is looking to transfer it out of IPRF and transfer it to South Suburban. With that, it would entail a couple of changes. John and I spoke and then we met with the Board and then brought it to the

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee did approve unanimously to bring on the Wilson Family Scholarship Fund to South Suburban. So what that means is there is a good amount of money being transferred to us. It will be put in a CD most likely. He will continue to fund \$500 each year into that until the day he passes. This is being done in conjunction with our awards. A \$500 voucher would go to the Young Professional of the Year. That voucher can be used towards any educational or conference piece. Criteria will be changing for the awards. We are still working through that. This has not 100% gone through the IPRF Board of Trustees. He has received his blessings from Mike Keys, Barry Franks and a couple of the other trustees, but that is going to be on their agenda for January. The timeline is mid-January, early February to have this wrapped up. It is very exciting for the association. We are very thankful to John for wanting to put back into South Suburban. If you have a connection with John or if you see him, be sure to thank him because this is a very generous thing he is doing.

Sponsor – Proven IT Rep Tracey Finn gave a presentation.

Split the Pot – Winners announced

Announcements- Nikki: Thank you to everyone that brought things for the blessing bags. I did receive monetary donations of \$75, so thank you to everyone who did that. If you have additional donations, reach out to me or Keith.

Adjournment- 12:44 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Keith Wallace from LWSRA, Second by: Sarah Hamilton from Lockport Township Park District

Motion carries