



MARYLAND RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, April, 30, 2021 10:00am – 12:00pm

Attendance: Terri Hilton, Nancy Pfeffer, John Nissel, Jessica E. Cook-Thomas, Kori Jones, Charlyn Simpson, Cortney Weinstock, Julija Sajauskas, Chuck Montrie, Adrienne Varieur, Armeana Street

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:00 am
- II. Adoption of Agenda**
- III. Welcome and Introduction**
- IV. MRPA Executive Director & Office Report**
 - a. Explanation of the organizational structure of MRPA
 - b. Amusement Park Ticket sales dwindling, we need a new revenue source
 - c. Chuck and Adrienne are retiring in 2022
 - i. Discussion: Write / define job descriptions, create search committee
- V. Board Position Roles - Discussion**
 - a. President
 - b. President Elect
 - c. Past President
 - d. Vice President
 - e. Secretary
 - f. Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect
 - g. Equity Officer
- VI. Old Business**
 - a. Laura Wetherald Certification Scholarship Update
 - i. \$2350 available, more money expected
 - ii. Advertise and promote for those who want to take the test
 - iii. Offer a prep course
 - b. Branch's Roles – discussion
 - i. RALS Branch – State Games
 - ii. Trainings, social events
 - iii. The Branches don't represent all of the different groups in Parks & Recreation, expand branches to reach more members?
 - iv. Align Branches with PLC's, or partner with a committee to expand reach and become more inclusive?
 - c. Plunge Fundraiser update – funds to be spent?
 - i. \$375 to DEI Scholarship, for a Staff Training
- VII. New Business**

- a. Summer General Membership meeting- discussion
 - i. Speaker – Diana Mayhew, President of the National Cherry Blossom Festival. Original topic: Future of Festivals during COVID, seems out of date with restrictions lifting. New topic suggestions: How did you keep the momentum with your sponsors, fee structures for hybrid and in person events, how you take your event to the next level? How do you open back up, going from cancelled to virtual, back to face to face?
- b. BIO's / Pictures from Board members
 - i. Submit to the Google Drive link sent out by Charlyn
- c. Board Meetings – set dates
 - i. Fridays at 1pm

VIII. Adjournment 11:45am

Next Meeting:

Board & Council: September 10, 2021 1:00pm to 3:00pm (Location TBD)