

Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2008  
Time: Meeting called to order at 6:48 p.m.  
Location: Grand Traverse Resort – MRPA Conference  
Attending: Dan Stencil – Oakland County, Mike McDonald – Ingham County,  
Dan Patton – Eaton County, John Scholtz – Ottawa County,  
Roger Sabine – Kent County, Mark Brochu – St. Clair County,  
Bob Moore – Ingham County, Dave Rachowicz – Kalamazoo County,  
Randy Rood – Berrien County, Jim Wood – Muskegon County,  
John Schmude – Saginaw County

Welcome and introduction by Dan Stencil and acknowledgement by all those present.

Review and approval of the November 9, 2007 meeting minutes – Motion made by Mark Brochu to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Dan Patton, motion carried.

#### Treasurer's Report - \$10,834.18

- Discussion about number of members held, currently 17 members have paid, average about 30 to 35 members of the 83 counties in the state.
- Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Mark Brochu, seconded by Dave Rachowicz, motion carried
- Discussion held about getting John Scholtz and Dan Patton added to accounts. Roger Sabine to follow-up with John & Dan on getting signature authority.

#### Secretary's Report

- Dan Stencil indicated Ken Elwert could not be with us and that Dan Patton would be taking minutes.
- Dan Stencil indicated that both he and Ken would be working on getting out some information related to a survey. Discussion held about trying to do the survey every 2 years. If a member has something that would like to see in the survey then email question to Dan Stencil or Ken Elwert.
- Discussion about how nice the website looked and about thanking Ken for all his work toward putting the website together.
- Discussion about

#### Scholarship Opportunities

##### NRPA Legislative Forum – March 12 -14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Washington D.C.

- 50% of expenses up to \$300 – two available
- 50% of expenses for MACPRO member and interested local politician up to a total of \$600.

<http://www.nrpa.org/forum>

##### Special Parks Forum – September 8 – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Portland, Oregon

- Full Registration fee paid – Only available to first time attendee

[www.metro-region.org/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=25792](http://www.metro-region.org/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=25792)

##### NRPA Congress – October 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Baltimore, Maryland

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#### Other Agenda Items

- License Plate Fee DNR
  - o Fee would resemble a plan currently in use in Montana. Discussion held about how population difference could impact an accurate measure of success for the Michigan program.
  - o What about customer service and point of contact with gate attendants/contact rangers in the booth at each park entrance.
  - o There was much discussion about this item regarding the impact it would have on county parks that charge fees that are next door to state parks.
  - o Consensus that entry fee should not disappear completely but reduced from current levels and still charge the license fee without the opting out/check off option for those who do not wish to pay.
  - o Authorized President Stencil to send a letter on behalf of MACPRO if proposal becomes a bill and introduced into committee addressing the concerns of county parks.

#### Election of 2008 MACPRO Officers

- Motion by Mark Brochu second by John Schultz to keep current slate of officers for 2008 that were in place for 2007. Carried
  - o Dan Stencil – President
  - o Dan Patton – Vice President
  - o Ken Elwert – Secretary
  - o Roger Sabine – Treasurer

#### 2008 Meeting Schedule

- May 9, 2008 – Ingham County
- August 1, 2008 – Berrien County
- November 7, 2008 – Eaton County

#### New Business

- MNRTF Scoring Criteria
  - o Discussion was held concerning the most recent awarding of grants and implications this will have on future applications.
  - o Discussion held about having MRPA Public Policy address this in greater detail with MNRTF/Grants Staff.

#### Roundtable

- Acknowledgement of the retirement of Mr. Bob Moore from Ingham County Parks. Encouragement from Mike McDonald for people to apply for the vacancy being created by Bob leaving.
- MNRTF next meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Lansing (LCC West College Campus)
- NRC next meeting is February 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 in East Lansing (MSU)
- Legislative Platform development being developed by the MRPA Public Policy and any thoughts or suggestions for this should be directed to Mark Brochu, Dan Stencil, or Dan Patton.

NEXT MEETING May 9<sup>th</sup> , 2008 at Ingham County Parks location TBA

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m. motion by Mark Brochu, second by John Sholtz.