

DRAFT MACPRO Minutes

Date: Tuesday, Feb 3, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: MRPA Conference Hyatt Regency

Attending: Mark Brochu, Dan Patton, Ken Elwert, Dan Stencil, Roger Sabine, Brandon Ransom, John Schmude, Kim Haller

Agenda items: Approval of the 11/14/08 2008 meeting minutes - Motion made by Elwert, seconded by Sabine. Motion Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT - \$10,179.40 ending balance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 1 YEAR TERM - Unanimous ballot

- Chair – Dan Patton
- Vice-Chair – Dan Stencil
- Secretary – Ken Elwert
- Treasurer – Roger Sabine

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2009

- Jackson County, May 8 – 10:00 a.m.
- Saginaw County, September 11 – 10:00 a.m.
- Eaton County, November 13 – 10:00 a.m.
- Tentative discussion about meeting at next MRPA meeting in 2010 – referred to future meeting

PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES

- *MNRTF Scoring guidelines*
- *DNR Deer Advisory Team input request from Dennis Schornack*
Several members discussed what they do for deer control. St Clair County, Oakland County, Jackson County and Genesee County all have some form of deer control (hunting or snipers). Other county systems may have deer control as well.
- *State Parks License Plates* – MUCH discussion ensued. Current proposal is to add an additional \$10 to the license plate fee for Michigan vehicles to fund State parks and eliminate the resident entry fee to State Parks. A small percentage of the available funds would go into the MNRTF for local parks development. Proposal will most likely be introduced soon into the legislature. Issues of concern to some counties was the effect this would have on attendance at local parks that charge and the pressure that may result on eliminating entrance fees at the local level.

2009 MAC CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION - No notes? Not sure if we are waiting until 2010 or not

SEASONAL UNEMPLOYMENT STRATEGIES

It was suggested that MRPA public policy makes seasonal unemployment issues a platform for 2009

MACPRO STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP – referred to future meeting?

WEBSITE COUNTY PARK FINDER PROPOSAL

Proposal from Sabine, seconded by Brochu, to accept Estimate One of the proposal from Michigan Technology Helpers for up to \$1,950. The proposal includes work to develop an accurate database of all county park member's facilities, including some photographs, and to include this information on the website available sorted geographically by zip code within 30 miles of a website user's zip code. It was noted that the majority of the time spent on this project is estimated to be the data collection from our members, not the actual website development.

ANNUAL MACPRO MEMBERS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Special Parks Forum(June 9 – 12, Lake County, Illinois): Full registration fee paid – Only available to first time attendee
- NRPA Congress(Oct 13-16, Salt Lake City, UT): Full registration fee paid – Only available to first time attendee
- NRPA Legislative Forum (March 17-20 in D.C.) – three scholarships available
 1. 50% of expenses up to \$500 – two available
 2. 50% of expenses for MACPRO member and interested local politician – up to a total of \$600