

DRAFT MACPRO Minutes

Date: Friday, May 9, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Potter Park Zoo - Ingham County Parks

Attending: Willis Bennett, Jerry Jaloszynski, Mark Brochu, Dan Patton, Ken Elwert, Dan Stencil, Roger Sabine, John Scholtz

Agenda items:

Call to order, President Stencil, at 10:18 a.m.

Approval of the January 21, 2008 meeting minutes - Motion made by Sabine, seconded by Brochu. Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report - \$10,775.25 balance.

- o Multiple signatories have been added to the bank account – Sabine, Scholtz, and Patton can all sign for bank issues

MAC Report–

- o February meeting with MAC to address platform issues went well. It was recommended that we meet with MAC yearly.
- o Discussion of summer conference panel ideas

NRPA

- o Brochu reported on very light attendance at the D.C. Legislative Forum from Michigan, especially compared to other states. Brochu also mentioned that legislators seem to pay better attention to elected officials and board members than to paid employees such as directors. He encouraged people to take advantage of MACPRO scholarships for sending people to D.C.
- o Motion by Elwert, Seconded by Jaloszynski to allow reimbursement of 50% of expenses up to \$500 (changed from previous motion of \$300) for attending the D.C. Legislative Forum. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MRPA

- o Discussion ensued about various 2009 conference sessions by MACPRO. Several individuals presented ideas about sessions and may take action.
- o Lengthy discussion ensued about MRPA Executive Director search process.
- o Discussion also ensued about the perception that the MRPA search process seemed to indicate priorities for hiring an Office Manager instead of an Executive Director.
- o Motion by Brochu, seconded by Scholtz, that President Stencil talk to MRPA executive search committee to express concern over the process and priorities in hiring. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC POLICY

- o Much discussion ensued about SB 2006/HB1257 (New MNRTF bills proposed by The Nature Conservancy). There are many concerns about this bill, including the possibility that local outdoor recreation related projects may be pushed out entirely. It is unclear whether this bill will move ahead, however Patton received information during the meeting that the bill most likely would not move this year.
- o Motion by Brochu, seconded by Stencil to express strong thanks to Dan Patton for all the time he has spend the last few weeks on the MNRTF bills, and also authorizing him to speak on behalf of MACPRO regarding this issue. **Motion passed unanimously with strong approval by all.**
- o Patton also bound up the Iron County Aquatic Nuisance Species Control Resolution. Discussion ensued with no clear plan of action. No action taken.

MACPRO Website

- Elwert will add a members only section to the website which allows members to email current MACPRO members and also allow members to email a broader list of people related to MACPRO, but not currently members.

Adjournment at 12:01 p.m. followed by an excellent lunch provided by Ingham County Parks and a Docent presentation of a Eurasian Eagle Owl.

Next meeting Friday, August 1st, Berrien County

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES to MEMBERS

- Special Parks Forum: Full registration fee paid – Only available to first time attendee
- NRPA Congress: Full registration fee paid – Only available to first time attendee
- NRPA Legislative Forum – three scholarships available
 1. 50% of expenses up to \$300 – two available
 2. 50% of expenses for MACPRO member and interested local politician – up to a total of \$600