

MRPA ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS LUNCHEON GREAT FALLS, MONTANA – SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

- 1.) **MID YEAR CONFERENCE MINUTES** – copies on tables and presented by Kory Thomson
 - a. Next year's Mid Year Meeting will be held in Bozeman – spring of 2010.
 - b. No additions or corrections made.
 - c. Minutes moved for approval by Rebecca Richards, second by Joe Fedin – minutes approved.

- 2.) **MRPA MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – presented by Jenny Alexander.
 - a. 54 paid member and 69 lapsed or unpaid as of the conference.
 - b. Dues increased to \$30 for Associate, \$60 for Professionals and \$200 for Institutional (which includes up to 4 individuals from one Department).
 - c. Goal to contact potential new members and include aggressive outreach.

- 3.) **WEBSITE UPDATE** – presented by Joe Fedin.
 - a. Website up and running for over a year and continues to see a steady increase in visits.
 - b. Continue to send information to be posted and include dates to be removed.

- 4.) **HERSHEY GAMES REPORT** – presented by Josh Zapada.
 - a. Montana sent 5 athletes to Hershey, Pennsylvania to compete at National Track and Field Meet.
 - b. Lost local events in Helena, Butte and St. Xavier.
 - c. New local event in Baker and working with the Heisey Center in Great Falls.
 - d. The National event will no longer include the 9-10 year old age category due to budget constraints.

- 5.) **BY-LAWS UPDATE** – presented by Doug Habermann.
 - a. Change in wording for Associate Membership to include an Advocate for parks and recreation.
 - b. Motion to accept by Rick Harbin, second Mike Baker – motion passes.

- 6.) **TREASURER'S AND EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT** – presented by Kory Thomson and Doug Habermann.
 - a. Update on CEU credits for professional certification.
 - b. Continue to work with Debbie Jones on financial reporting in a fiscal year format.
 - c. Newsletter Line Items to be removed from budget and added as a part of the website.
 - d. Rick asked about advertising on the website. Joe and Larry Grondahl provided some background information and will discuss further at mid-year meeting.
 - e. Commercial Members provided a link to their company's websites from ours.
 - f. CD rollovers to be discussed at morning Executive Board meeting.
 - g. Kory Thomson discusses state conference committees opening a separate account for conference spending.
 - h. Strategic Plan review will continue with committee review and will be discussed at mid-year.
 - i. Upcoming Goals from new MRPA President Doug Habermann unveiled.
 - j. Student participation from the U of M will continue to be reviewed with work from Jennifer Young and Donna Gaukler.
 - k. Billings has agreed to host the 2011 MRPA State Conference.

- 7.) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRS**
 - a. Communications Chair – Joe Fedin has accepted his nomination from Doug Habermann and is elected by Universal Acclimation.
 - b. Two candidates for President Elect – Kory Thomson and Rebecca Richards. Motion to close nominations by Rick Harbin, second by Mike Baker.
 - c. Doug Habermann announces Kory Thomson has been selected as the new President Elect and Rebecca Richards has agreed to accept the nomination of Secretary/Treasurer and is elected by Universal Acclimation. Amy Teagarden has agreed to accept the nomination to the Advisory Team and is elected by Universal Acclimation.

- 8.) **2010 TRI-STATE CONFERENCE IN WEST YELLOWSTONE** – information presented by Bob Walker
 - a. Held at the Sun Spree Resort on October 5-7, 2010.
 - b. Conference held in conjunction with the Tri-State Trails Conference which will be held on October 7-9.

Meeting adjourned – unfinished business to be completed at morning Executive Board Meeting on 9-23-09.