



Washington Recreation
& Park Association

Aquatics Network Meeting
Shoreline City Hall
Thursday, November 13, 2014
10:00am-11:30am

Old Business :

- Discussion of the changes in WRPA and the current status of the Networks (formerly known as “Sections”)
- Review Survey Results (survey sent to WRPA Aquatics Section Members regarding meeting preferences for future meetings)

New Business :

- Establishing a new structure for the WRPA Aquatics Network
 - Leadership Team:
 - 1-year terms
 - Two primary positions:
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair/Secretary
 - Subcommittee Chairs, as needed
 - No District Reps; active members report or send in reports via e-mail to the Network Chair for reporting to the group
 - Five meetings each year:
 - January, March, May, September, November
 - Meetings to be held on Thursdays; date depending upon site availability
 - Start time to be scheduled for 10:30am, pending site availability (in any case, not earlier than 10:00am)
 - 2015 Meetings Schedule (exact dates TBD):
 - January – Moutlake Terrace City Hall
 - March – Covington City Hall
 - May – Renton (Henry Moses)
 - September – Great Wolf Lodge (at Retreat)
 - November – Shoreline
 - September meeting to be held at the Aquatics Retreat every other year, and possibly Ellensburg on alternating years
- 2015 Aquatics Retreat
 - September 27-29, 2015 at the Great Wolf Lodge
 - Sub-Committee Chair: Rose

- Sub-Committee:
 - Brandi
 - Stephanie
 - Volunteers Needed – See Rose for details

Future Agenda Items :

- Suggestions/Requests:
 - Guest Speakers
 - Greg Schmidt – “Best Guard”
 - Brian Hoffmeister – American Red Cross
 - Paul Reeves – Washington State Department of Health
 - WRPA Water Exercise Training (similar to Dive Clinic)
- Round Table is Valuable and should be continued (general consensus)

Items from the Floor :

- Re-cap from Washington State Drowning Prevention Network Meeting
 - Safekids
 - Interested in promoting child safety, including drowning prevention
 - Suggestion: Invite to next Aquatics Network Meeting
 - Open Water Safety
 - Project recruiting teachers who are interested in helping develop Water Safety curriculum for use in classrooms
 - Anyone who may have interested contacts – Brandi has the information
- Public Health Department Reporting Request from Paul Reeves: Working to develop a new incident report to compile “near-miss” statistics from guarded facilities in Washington State. Seeking feedback regarding structure. Feedback included:
 - Short; online submission
 - Preference for immediate reporting; option for monthly or quarterly reporting
 - Checkbox type form – easy to fill out
 - One free form field for extra details (optional)
- Suggestion: Coordinate a WRPA resource listing advanced training classes (Lifeguard Training, Water Safety Instructor, Lifeguard Instructor Training, etc.)
- Suggestion: Home Page for WRPA Aquatics Network and/or Facebook Group/Page

Roundtable Highlights :

- Everett is cancelling guarded beach program and scaling back staff (departmentally)
- Bellingham, Lake Stevens, Mountlake Terrace new positions/hiring
- Enumclaw and Covington affected by the recent windstorm; no major issues
- Issaquah will be closed for 6 months
- Lindbergh will be closed February – November 2015
- Tukwila changeover – new management and funding structure