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
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