



Washington Recreation  
& Park Association

Aquatics Network Meeting – Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 14, 2016

Introductions

Guest Speaker:

- Chelsie Gallagher, Seattle Children's Hospital
  - April Pool's Day – Chelsie discussed collaborating with the Aquatic Section in order to continue to offer the event each year. Children's is able to offer lifejackets for raffles and templates for the event. Will be promoting the event with the Department of Health and the American Red Cross. Christi Wojnowski and Rose Ploeg will work with Chelsie to coordinate the event.

Discussion Topics

- 2016 Leadership
  - Vice Chair/Secretary – Angela Eddy
  - April Pool's Day – Christi Wojnowski and Rose Ploeg
  - Skillbuilder – Brandi Burke, Euan Robertson, Stephanie Segovia.
    - Will be geared towards leadership staff.
    - Stephanie will be contacting Pete DeQuincy about presenting.
    - Brian Hoffmeister will be contacting groups in Oregon
    - WRPA may be willing to support funding if the cost is covered by registration.
    - Bailey Bottom may be an option for presenting
    - Bellevue, Renton may be a possible locations
    - Planning for a weekend day from mid-March to mid-June
- American Red Cross IT Academies
  - Red Cross needs 8 local applicants to run course locally. There are currently only 3. Apply online. Host pools must have both unlimited/uninterrupted pool and classroom space.
  - Host Pools needed - Erika Miller from Oak Harbor is interested in hosting both WSIT and LGIT
- WPRPA Aquatics Network Page
  - Will have contact information added

- Will add meeting minutes
- Will post upcoming classes
- Will have links to Aquatic Section events
- The Association of Aquatic Professionals is in need of large and extra-large guard shirts for their silent auction to benefit the Kathy Luecker Memorial Conference Scholarship fund. Contact Jeff Fryer at River Road Park and Recreation District.
- Eastern Washington University Aquatics is offering an AFO course March 23-25.
- 2016 WPRA Aquatic Section Meeting Dates
  - March 17, 2016 - Covington City Hall
  - May 12, 2016 - Mountlake Terrace Recreation Pavilion
  - September 2016 - Everett – Forest Park
  - November 10, 2016 - Shoreline City Hall

### Member/Facility Updates

- Port Angeles – William Shore Pool
  - possible expansion
- Everett
  - Hepatitis B documentation?
  - DNR from patrons?
  - will be closed 6 weeks for maintenance
- American Red Cross
  - The 2016 Learn to Swim is going live
  - Is offering disaster preparation for earthquake readiness – free assessments for your facility.
  - Can advertise lifeguarding courses at the red cross website
- Lacey
  - Polar Plunge was a success
  - Dive in Movies?
- Covington
  - Lifeguard class coming up
- Samena Club
  - Special Olympics is starting soon
  - Uses CSI for registration for all classes
  - Having a lifeguarding class over mid-winter break
  - Getting all new lighting
  - Had a successful Polar Pancake swim
- Mountlake Terrace
  - Closed April 4-8 for maintenance
  - New website
  - Giving swim vouchers to 3<sup>rd</sup> grades in conjunction with the YMCA and Edmonds (Yost Pool)
  - Giving classroom presentations – March through June
  - Holding a lifeguard expo on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Would like to have some “surprise” victims.

- Rose will be attending the AOAP Conference
  - Hosting Silver Sneakers
- Renton
  - Doing a salary survey
- Lake Stevens
  - Bond in February for upgrades
  - Holding a lifeguard course in April
  - Junior Lifeguarding class is full (15) and as many on the waitlist

Items for Future Discussion

- None at this time