



Washington Recreation
& Park Association

Aquatics Network Meeting
Des Moines Yacht Club
Thursday, September 14, 2017
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Introductions

Dominic Finazzo – Des Moines
Jayna Lafferty – Lake Stevens
Erik Petersen – Lake Stevens
Mark Feeney – Mountlake Terrace
Suzy Holston – Enumclaw
Kristen Munnell – Enumclaw
Rachel Bahl – Covington
Zack Lisson – Issaquah
Euan Robertson - Everett

Agenda

- Summer Review – all facilities represented had a good summer, but had some issues fulling staffing programs.
- LGIT & WSIT update – Bridget spoke with the American Red Cross coordinator regarding the academies in Bainbridge. The LGIT has 6 spaces available and the WSIT has 10 spaces available. If you are considering attending one of these academies, please turn your application. If you have been approved, please register. If you need help with your application, Jayna at Lake Stevens is happy to share hers. LGIT dates - February 17-20, WSIT dates - February 17-21.
- Exercise Instructor Certifications
 - Any upcoming classes – no current classes. Considering offering a half day workshop either through the WRPA or if a facility wants to offer. Many pools are in need of either training new staff or re-training staff.
- Staff Hiring
 - How was summer staff levels – many pools had difficulties hiring and retaining staff for both summer and into fall.
- Upcoming LG or LGI classes

- Lake Stevens is offering Lifeguarding classes each month, WSI in October, and possibly an LGI in December.
- Drowning Prevention Network – Seattle Children’s is no longer overseeing the Network. Does the Aquatic Section was to look into taking over such events as April Pool’s Day and Summer Splashtacular? Looking into what budget requirements look like and possible funding.
- Other
 - What kind of policy so facilities have for transgender patrons? Most do not have signage, but have the understanding that people may use the locker room of the gender they identify with. Some pools make other arrangements for patrons who are not comfortable with transgender individuals using the same locker room.
 - Who uses an automated pool vacuum? Several of the pools use them and have no problems with them. Aquatic Specialties sell and services them.

Planning

- Select a new Aquatics Network Chair
 - Brandi has been selected as the Network Chair for all of WRPA which will entail working with all networks.
 - The term for Chair has been January to December
 - Several names were suggested for Chair, but no one present volunteered
 - Tabled until the November meeting when more members are present.
- Skillbuilder – 2019 – Yes, it was a great value to those who attended. Will need to find a location and date.
- World Drowning Prevention Conference-Vancouver, B.C. - October 2017
- Aquatics Retreat Update 2018 –Would like to continue to have the Aquatics Retreat because we are able to focus more on the needs of the Aquatic Section. Possible locations include Great Wolf Lodge and McMenamins in Bothell.

Items for Future Discussion

- Water Aerobics Workshop – Date and location
- Drowning Prevention Network – budget and cost of running
- New Network Chair
- Skill Builder 2019 – Dates and location
- Aquatics Retreat 2018 – Date and location