

NORTH PENINSULA RECREATION SERVICE AREA
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2025
REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Stacy Oliva, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Stacy Oliva, Felix Martinez, Erin Bellotte, and Misty Peterkin present. Alexa McClure absent.

NPRSA Staff:

Eric Eleton, Recreation Director
Nigel LaRicca, Pool Supervisor

Eric McFee, Recreation Supervisor
Anne Gahm, Administrative Assistant

Public in Attendance:

K. Mae Snow, Nikiski Resident

Frieda Tuttle, Nikiski Resident
Len Niesen, Nikiski Resident

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Misty Peterkin moved to amend 9 Unfinished Business and add 9a Hot Tub Policy.
b. Stacy Oliva moved to amend 8 Recreation Director's Report and add 8d Board Training by Borough.
c. Misty Peterkin moved to approve the agenda as amended. Erin Bellotte seconded.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Erin Bellotte moved to approve the minutes as presented for the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area Board Meeting, August 25, 2025. Felix Martinez seconded.

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5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Kenai River Quilt Board letter. The quilt board thanks NPRSA for the use of the facility for their Quilt and Art exhibit that was held July 24-25th. They look forward to upcoming plans for sewing classes at NCRC possibly in November focusing on increasing youth participation and look forward to hosting the next Quilt and Art Show in July 2026 at NCRC. According to the organizer, they were pleased to have 250 visitors at the show.

Stacy Oliva was glad to see such a good turnout for the organization and appreciates the positive remarks they had about the facility.

6. PRESENTATIONS WITH PRIOR NOTICE

- a. None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

- a. None

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8. RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Aquatic's Report- Nigel LaRicca, Pool Supervisor

- LTS.
 - a. Group Session #1 started September 16th with three beginner and one advanced beginner classes. Hours are 3pm, 4pm and 6:15pm.
 - b. Tiny Tots will have three total sessions in October and November; Semi-Private classes will be held in December.
- Programs
 - a. Aquafit participation is seeing an increase in attendance from 5 to 8 people from first class to September 16th class.
- Operations.
 - a. Party Room and Pool rentals in August had 10 party room and 5 pool rentals. September from the 1st to 21st has had 20 party room and 7 pool rentals.

Felix Martinez asked if other pools in the area also have swim lessons at this time. Nigel LaRicca responded he is aware of other pools in the area with summer programs, but unaware if they have fall/winter programs.

b. Recreation Report- Eric McFee, Recreation Supervisor

- Activities & Events
 - a. 5th & 6th grade Basketball has 3 teams, practice starts this week. 3rd & 4th grade Basketball has 3 teams, practice will start October 13th
 - b. Trick or Treat Alley will be held October 31st from 5:30pm to 7pm.
 - c. Kenai Kennel Club held an AKC event called Fast Cat at Kohler Field on September 13th & 14th. It was well attended.
- Programs:
 - a. Master Chef Jr. on September 6th's Sushi class had 10 participants; October 4th will be Ramen.
 - b. Top Notch on September 20th's Bruschetta class had 9 participants; October 18th will be Lemon Chicken.
 - c. Mini & Me's Fairy Tale Adventures saw 7 participants for themes: Prince & Princess on September 2nd & 11th and Fire Breathing Dragons on September 16th & 18th. The next class theme will be: Unicorns on September 23rd & 25th. The theme for October will be: Fun on the Farm.
 - d. Art night for September 26th will be "Faux Stain Glass". October 24th will be: Drawing/Sketching.
 - e. Trivia Night on September 12th had 9 participants for the theme: Fall Season. Will return December 5th with the theme: Blizzard Brain Buster".

Erin Bellotte inquired about Winter Fest for this winter. Eric McFee and Mary Lowery are currently planning the event.

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- c. Project Report - Eric Eleton, Recreation Director
 - Master Plan, NCRC and Hockey Building Upgrade
 - a. Master Plan RFP is currently with Capital Projects, should be given to Director shortly.
 - b. Meeting with Capital Projects to discuss the updates for NCRC and Hockey building this week.
- d. Board Training by Borough
 - The Borough presented a skills refresher for Board Members.
 - a. A few examples of information provided during refresher included do's and don'ts, conflicts of interest and format of agendas.
 - b. A digital and hard copy of the presentation was provided to the Director, which a hard copy will be included in upcoming board member manuals.

Erin Bellotte asked about Hockey Association input for upgrades to the Hockey buildings while Felix Martinez and Stacy Oliva shared insights gained from the Board Training.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (3 minutes/speaker per agenda item)

- a. Hot Tub Policy.
 - Enforcement of the hot tub policy.
 - a. Provided board members a copy of information from the American Red Cross guideline for children between the ages of 5-12 for Hot Tub use.

Misty Peterkin asked questions to further understand NPRSA policy regarding children using the Hot Tub. Eric Eleton responded to Misty Peterkin's questions on the subject.

10. NEW BUSINESS (3 minutes/speaker per agenda item)

- a. None

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. KPB Assembly Report – Peter Ribbens, KPB Assembly
 - Not present
- b. KPB Elections October 7, 2025
- c. Next Regular Board Meeting October 27, 2025.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes/speaker)

- a. None

13. BOARD COMMENTS

- a. Stacy Oliva is happy to see so many activities taking place at NPRSA facilities.

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- b. Felix Martinez would like to keep policies that encourage visitors and also appreciates the work of the maintenance department to keep the facilities in good working condition.
- c. Misty Peterkin stated that this is her last meeting as a Board member. She expressed that it has been a pleasure working with the Board over the past 3 years and wishes the board well.

14. ADJOURN

- a. Felix Martinez moved to adjourn at 7:05pm. Erin Bellotte seconded.