

NORTH PENINSULA RECREATION SERVICE AREA
MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Stacy Oliva, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Stacy Oliva, Felix Martinez, Misty Peterkin, Alexa McClure, Erin Bellotte present. Quorum is met.

NPRSA Staff:

Eric Eleton, Director

Anne Gahm, Administrative Assistant

Nigel LaRiccia, Pool Supervisor

Jackie Cason, Recreation Supervisor

Assembly/Dignitaries:

Peter Ribbens, Nikiski Assembly

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Felix Martinez moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alexa McClure seconded.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Felix Martinez moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area Board Meeting, April 24, 2023. Misty Peterkin seconded.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. None

6. PRESENTATIONS WITH PRIOR NOTICE

- a. None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

- a. None

8. RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- LTS. Pre-registration open for S. A. Members until May 30th. Semi-Private and Group Lessons have mostly filled. Open registration starts May 31st at 9am with classes starting June 7th.
- Hosted several school groups first half of May. Hosted The Compass for a water safety class. NPRSA booth at health fair also passed out life jackets.
- Temporary shutdown in May lasted 3 days. This was caused by a breakdown with one of the system pumps and has been repaired.

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- Summer Hours will start June 1st. Open Swim will be Tuesday – Friday 12pm to 4:45pm & 6pm to 8:45pm; Saturday & Sunday 1pm to 4:45pm & 6pm to 8:45pm. Water slide: Tuesday – Sunday 1pm – 4:45pm & 6pm to 8:45pm. Closed Mondays.

Misty Peterkin wants to know if the upcoming boiler project will resolve emergency shutdowns and if future water safety programs are planned. Eric Eleton advises the boiler project will resolve some concerns, while other parts of the system are part of life cycle and preventative maintenance programs in place. Nigel LaRiccia advises future water safety classes are being discussed.

b. Recreation Report- Jackie Cason, Recreation Supervisor

- Nikiski Youth Track meet was May 12th. Five Nikiski Schools participated with 250 students and 25 staff/volunteers.
- Food Truck Fridays June 2nd event cancelled; will be held July 7th from 5-8pm at the Ice Rink/Pool Fields. Need food truck and Farmer's Market vendors.
- Family Fun and Summer Camp planning and registration is ongoing.
- Alaska Health Fair went well and will become annual event with plans to incorporate youth and family focused services. Approximately 60 people attended.

Stacy Oliva asked about Health Fair attendance outside of Nikiski residents. Jackie Cason responded some in attendance from Soldotna; the focus was on the older Nikiski population that may have difficulties going into town. Felix Martinez verifies NCRC is fully staffed for summer events which is confirmed.

c. Director's Report - Eric Eleton, Recreation Director

- Community cleanup. NPRSA Staff participated. Lunch at Senior Center on May 25th. Door Prizes for participants.
- Disc Golf "Nikiski Open" Tournament June 3rd- 4th and in September. Looking into buying a few Disc Golf sets to rent.
- Trail Lighting project is wrapping up with final walkthrough Wednesday.
- Outdoor Basketball resurface is scheduled June 6th.
- Sidewalk project has been awarded; currently working on scheduling.
- Working on Birthday Party rooms which will include a \$25 fee to rent in specific time blocks.
- Currently in preliminary talks with Kenai Peninsula College looking into supporting Adult Learning classes held at NCRC.

Misty Peterkin asks what problem is being solved by creating party rooms. Eric advises this will help free up space when there are multiple parties at the pool and provide added comfort for interested patrons.

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

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a. NPRSA Mission, Vision, Values- Eric Eleton, Recreation Director

- Would like to create a schedule for meetings to finish this update with three board members minimum.
- Board members will be e-mailed with notes of prior session and board members will respond with availability to work sessions.

Felix Martinez recommends crafting the statement of objectives specific to Nikiski and not a general statement. Alexa McClure asks about using Zoom as option; Stacy Oliva also suggests work sessions held at the pool and would like to update to coincide with 50th anniversary. Eric Eleton indicated meeting options requested are available.

b. Surplus Auction Results

- List of purchased items provided in meeting packet.
- Funds from items sold at auction go into the annual operating budget.

Stacy asks what will be the outcome of unsold items. Jackie Cason advised the items have been through at least two auctions and at this point, will be thrown away.

c. June & July Meeting Schedule – Stacy Oliva, Board Chair

- June and July regular meetings will not be held.
- Work sessions to be held in June and July to update NPRSA Mission, Vision, Values.

Felix Martinez motioned to cancel regular meeting sessions in June and July. TBD dates for work sessions for statement of objectives. Alexa McClure seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

d. Hilcorp Donation

- Received donation of \$5,000 from Hilcorp to sponsor the bookbag giveaway for the back to school event in August.

Erin Bellotte mentioned the potential of a school supply drive to compliment the backpacks. Felix Martinez motioned to accept the donation. Misty Peterkin seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Marketing- Eric Eleton, Recreation Director

- Current marketing avenues are: radio, newspaper, social media, website, flyers, and reader boards.
- Currently in discussions on restructuring NPRSA website.
- In progress on hiring a photographer for events.

Felix Martinez recommends providing photos of events to participating organizations and people for their social media to increase awareness of events. Misty Peterkin recommends having N & M Market have flyers on hand as well.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- a. KPB Assembly Report – Peter Ribbens, KPB Assembly
Peter Ribbens reported the Assembly is continuing to hear FY24 budget presentations. He asked about the outcome of the request for NCRC to stay open on weekends and fund balance use for projects. He also asked about additional interaction between NPRSA and Nikiski Community Council.
- b. Next Regular Meeting: August 28, 2023.
- c. Community Cleanup May 15-25 with lunch the 25th at Nikiski Senior Center.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. None

13. BOARD COMMENTS

- Felix Martinez would like to see the outdoor basketball court finished soon.
- Stacy Oliva would like to work with the Nikiski Community Council and have them come to NPRSA Board meetings and will follow up with them.
- Misty Peterkin appreciated the health fair and is interested in additional water safety programs.
- Erin Bellotte would like to work with Nikiski Community Council also.

14. ADJOURN

- a. Stacy Oliva moved to adjourn at 7:27 pm.