



MAD RIVER VALLEY RECREATION DISTRICT

DRAFT - MRVRD Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 19, 2022: 6:30 pm

In attendance: Liza Walker, Alice Rodgers, John Stokes, Doug Bergstein, Peter Oliver, Laura Arnesen, Molly Bagnato, Mary Simmons, Shevonne Travers

Not attending: Luke Foley

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes for March 15 meeting approved without changes.

Board satisfaction, productivity discussion:

Alice: Taking the time to reflect feels like a luxury but it's important as a way for us to think intentionally and interact with each other. Additional funding in 2022 puts us in an exciting time and there is a lot of work to be done.

Making the most of our meeting time:

Alice – getting agenda's out (Laura) helps us be productive.

Peter – starting the meeting earlier?

Bear – Meeting in committees on a monthly basis?

Alice – need to be careful of open meeting laws, that said, organizations can't function without committees.

Laura – standing committees and special committees (projects) are important.

Shevonne - meeting end time would be helpful.

Molly - tabling discussion at the end of the meeting?

Laura - A follow up meeting would be an added burden.

Alice - does everyone feel connected to our over arching goals? Would 10 min a quarter discussion help to focus our priorities?

Laura - On track with the 5 year plan and now we have VOREC, but we still have the same mission.

On-boarding:

Alice - what do you wish you had known and how could we do better in on-boarding new members.

Peter – didn't miss anything.

Shevonne – I felt like I didn't get any on-boarding.

Bear - Now we have the website which should help with future on-boarding. All info in one place.

MRVRD Board of Directors - Officer discussion

MOU demands we re-elect officers every year.

At-large members cannot be elected as officers. Some discussion about what might be involved in getting this rule changed.

Liza is stepping down in August, we need to elect a new co-chair.

Bear threw in her hat for co-chair if someone else can take on Secretary.

Mad River Park

Discussion and review of [draft MRP Field Opening Process](#).

Input from Mike Nucci, Volunteer Field Manager:

- If soccer and lacrosse were aware that the costs of damage will ultimately fall on them through higher lease fees they might be less likely to open early.
- When making the decision to open the MRP committee does not need to involve the Board unless there is a conflict. Mike is happy to provide input but does not need to be part of the decision.
- A "Fields Closed" sandwich board sign would be helpful.

Irrigation Project Update and Timing

The well is in. Big decision is whether we do anything else this summer

Washington Electric Community Fund grant for electric work (\$3500) to install 200 AMP service (in-kind donation, not cash).

John – we should pursue the WE grant now since it is an in-kind donation.

Laura - Recreations Grant matching funds? Washington Electric could count toward the match.

Discussion regarding whether these in-kind funds could count toward the Recreation Grant match.

[Fundraising next steps](#): Ask big MRP donors for funding and base fundraising on that success? Donors have visibility at event?

Staff Report from Laura Arnesen, Executive Director

VOREC - biggest award in the state, how it works, transitioning to calling it MRV Recreation Hub

Laura: we have a Zoom VOREC meeting (all partners) scheduled on May 11th. Collaborators have responsibility for portions of the project and may be seeking funds from the community for overages, but that will not be known for a few more months.

Community outreach projects:

Leave No Trace at Schools – Laura has not had much response from schools so tabling this to next school year:

Bike Helmets sale – on track for Spring 2022

E-bike Lending program - now in August, Peter Oliver will be helping Laura with this program.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 17, 2022, 6:30 pm next MRVRD Board Meeting, in-person at General Wait House