

**CPRA AQUATICS SECTION  
MEETING MINUTES  
DATE: October 20, 2009**

**Attendance-**

Bryan Eichler – SSPR, Lauren Goodwin – SSPR, Betsy Sweet – SSPR, Cheri Williams – Carbon Valley, Brett Rodewald – Columbine Knolls, Andy Maurek – Highland Hills, Karen Charles – Longmont, Alan Cobb – Longmont, Sara Stewart - Longmont, Heather Deal – Longmont, Kathy Wallace – Englewood, Kristi Marosy – Golden, Bill Rich – Aurora, Jacob Butler – Aurora, Julie McIntosh – Aurora, Carrie Johnson – Westminster, Joe LeDuc – Westminster, Krista Hobbs – Fort Collins, Andrew Larington – Broomfield, Bill Hutchinson – Loveland, Stephanie Stearns - Broomfield

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Kris Davison approved, Heather Deal second

**II. Committee Reports:**

**A. Red Cross:**

Bill – IT Committee will be conducting interviews the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>

- There is no limit to how many IT there can be, so if you are interested please apply and get your name in the pile.
- Please keep in mind that to become an IT you must have a teaching history. Teaching your own swim lesson program doesn't count – you need to have turned in ARC record.
- How many people have seen the e-mail about the LG update for 2011 – they are asking for reviewers to sit and evaluate the program. If you're interested check out the Instructor Corner for more info
  1. Is there a goal or direction? Their goal is to review the program every 3 or 4 years to see how things are going, what needs to be changed etc...
- Don't forget that December 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for updating your WSI other wise you'll have to take the entire new class.

**B. Ellis and Associates:**

- Englewood and Thornton had their final audits of the year – things went alright
- There is an instructor class going on right now – no dates for another one as of yet.

**C. The Board:**

- Kris – hasn't been a board meeting as of yet. 2010 budget is due
- Only thing different for 2010 as of now is that we'll be sending Noelle Cook to the CPO instructor course in Las Vegas.

D. CPO:

- February class dates have been set for February 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in Thornton at the Carpenter Rec. Center
- Erika Hunter is the new committee chair. She is currently working to update the flyer and will get it out by November.
- There was talk about raising the fee for CPO \$25 taking it to \$275.
  1. Kris feels that our class offers an invaluable amount of ‘street knowledge’ that you don’t get at other classes – is this an added value?
  2. Instructors will look at inviting someone from the Health Dept. to come talk and provide a bit of their knowledge and what they look for.
  3. Instructors will also look into adding the Primer option – self study and then attend last day of class – possible option for Challenge candidates.

E. AFO:

- There is a class going on in Breckenridge right now.
- Erika will contact Brad to start working on the April CPRA class – more info in November hopefully.

F. Summer Games:

- How does July 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 sound?
  1. Andy will let us know if there is a conflict as far as Water World is concerned.

G. CARA:

- Kathy has the box and all the info.
- Kathy has worked with Toni a bit about host sites – again a big issue.
- Question about fees: Rather than tracking people down multiple times a year what do people think about a once a year payment structure.
  1. Teams will still send rosters to Kathy each season but Kathy will hold onto them and then create an invoice for the entire year – itemizing each season with a total for the year.
- Julie – could we create a contact list for host sites? In case of bad weather who to call to see if the meet is still going to run rather than asking the front desk when they may not know.
- Alan – new coaches orientation? Suggested there be a meeting where someone from each team attends so they know what to do before and at meets –
  1. the CARA meeting is supposed to accomplish this however not every team comes.
  2. What about creating a word document to get out at the CARA section meeting for those reps to take back to their

teams? Also put this info on the CPRA Aquatics page so teams can look it up.

#### H. National Aquatics Branch:

- Bill – Congress was last week in Salt Lake – there was a very heated and exciting meeting about NRPA Aquatics – they are proposing eliminating all branches under NRPA and making just two branches – one professional and one citizen
  1. Bill will get info out to everyone – please take a look and see what you think
  2. Aquatics has worked very hard in the past to become a separate branch; now it seems as though things are going back to the old way – not a done deal yet but possible.
  3. In 2008 there were over 1000 members, in 2009 there are more like 800 – we’re losing members!!!
  4. Please get involved if you can – we need the ‘younger generation’ to get involved and keep this going!!
- National conference is in Houston – we need to get support and get people there!
  1. Bill is making a plea for everyone to get involved!!!
  2. Carrie – anyone thinking about going to National? What about a roadtrip???

#### L. Education/Fundraising:

- Kristi took the Griffiths proposal to her people at Golden and they presented it to CIRSA, no word has come back as of yet
- They are still looking at an April/May date.

### III. WATERWORKS:

- Program Survey – Dawn sent out another round of questions, please make sure to get them back to her so she can compile them
- Stephanie From CPRA –
  1. Stephanie and Ashley are trying to get around to each sections meetings and make life easier for everyone
    - a. There is a brand new on-line membership directory – check it out!
    - b. Professional Development – CPRA has hired a consultant to take a look at things. There will be a few Professional Development Focus Groups going on, please check the CPRA website for more info if you’re interested.
    - c. Awards – if we want to start doing some Aquatics awards we can do that as a section and present them at annual conference – a great way to recognize the accomplishments of our peers.
    - d. Ashley is expecting a baby! Due to her little one she won’t be in the office; if you know someone that might be looking for some hours or an intern

that needs something more to do get in contact with the office cause they'll be needing help!

- Bill – Aurora Public Schools called asking him if anyone uses variable drive motors on their pools?
  1. Thornton has one on their outdoor kiddie pool
- Bill – who does not have an AED at their facility?
  1. Aurora was just told by the same City Attorney that originally told them no, that every facility should have one!
- Carrie – Basketball hoop heights?
  1. How high is your hoop above the water?
    - a. Lone Tree – 3.5 feet and kids were getting hurt to the point of going to the hospital. It is now 6 feet up in 3 feet of water
    - b. Longmont – 3 feet above water
    - c. Aurora – kids kept hanging on it and broke it to the point where they no longer have one.
    - d. Andy – suggested that it should be 10 feet from the bottom of the pool – just like outside – Andy is so wise!!!!

**Adjourned @ 11:30 am with CARA diving meeting directly following.**