

**New England Park Ranger Association
Board Meeting
March 19, 2008
Great Brook Farm, Carlisle, MA**

Present: Dave Townley, President Alex Hall, Vice-President,
 Holly Bartlett, Secretary, Joan Townley, Treasurer
 Jeff Mangum, Member-at-Large Steve Carlin, Former Member
 Kathy Ward, Member-at-Large

Absent:

** Liann Graf has offered to fill the vacant Member-at-Large position. Motion passed **

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes from March meeting distributed
- Membership list has been updated.
- NEPRA copy of Report Writing manual still missing, Holly will follow up with Susan Survillo.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance: \$3,456.48
- An appropriate interest-bearing account is still being investigated. ING acct's must have an individual's name, rather than an organization.

Website:

- Job postings still being provided
- Training being kept up to date
- Still seeking ranger photos
- Send pictures to Jeff

Newsletter:

- After thoughtful discussion, it was decided that articles which might normally be included in a newsletter be posted on the NEPRA website, with perhaps a listing on the homepage of the site. It was further decided to broadcast the link to the NEPRA website with notification of new articles/job postings to NEPRA members on a regular basis, somewhat in lieu of maintaining a periodical newsletter.
- Holly will create a distribution list based on membership list
- Partnership/networking with other organizations emphasized

Conference 2008:

- Location: Doyle Conservation Center
- Date: November 20, 2008
- Holly to reserve site, POC Annie Derosé, Secretary.
- Networking options:
 - It was decided to dedicate a session to round-table networking discussion
 - Solicit suggestions for round-table discussions on registration form, or via e-mail
 - Assign tables/facilitator for session
 - Hold session right before lunch, so that dialogue may continue into lunch
 - Possible after-hours/social event following conference, maybe dinner
 - “Ice breaker” suggestions, cards with facility descriptions on one side, recreational opportunities on the other; 11-second ‘elevator speech’ about your park.
 - Wear facility/agency t-shirts at conference

Training Seminar:

- Self Defense Training, SGT McCarthy, MSP, 4/30/08, 9-1, Bajko Skating Rink in Hyde Park
- There is no cost associated with this training, it is open to NEPRA members free of charge.

Agency Memberships:

- It was agreed to discuss additional member benefits at a future meeting.

Logo / Clothing:

- Jeff will contact his colleague at westwoodsigns.com for a sample of attire w/logo

Brochure:

- No updates at this time.

New Business:

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 24, 2008
7:00 pm
Great Brook Farm, Carlisle, MA