



BC Recreation and Parks Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 3, 2011, 9:00am – 3:30pm
Sheraton Vancouver Airport - Richmond, BC

ADMINISTRATION

Student Scholarships

DB Perks has sponsored the BCRPA Student Scholarships for 2011 - 2015. There will be up to six Student Scholarship Awards given each year. One nomination per Post-Secondary Institution is accepted and then all submissions are given to the Awards Committee for selection.

Fitness Registration

The Board was updated on the Fitness Registry database. The new BCRPA website has been launched and is working quite well. The Fitness Registry is in testing phase and will be launched soon.

Symposium

The Board was provided an update on the 2011 BCRPA Symposium. New to the Symposium schedule this year are "Bumping" Stations. These short breaks create an opportunity for networking and connecting based on specific topics of interest. The "Bumping" Station themes for 2011 are:

- Geocaching
- Member consultation on how to involve them in the Sectoral Strategic Plan
- HFBS: Q & A
- Companion Card
- Board

CPRA National Exchange at Symposium

The Board was informed of what the 4 national discussion topics are and noted that they have been added to the online Symposium Programme.

1. The Core and Edges of Recreation
2. Partnering Recreation and Sport
3. Children and Nature in Canada
4. Enhancing After School Programs

Nominating Committee Update

The Board was updated on the status of the Nominating Committee activities. There will be an election for President-Elect. The Board was informed that online voting is being considered for this election.

ADVOCACY

Healthy by Nature

The Board discussed the Healthy by Nature movement and its importance to the recreation and parks sector. They raised concerns for much needed infrastructure renewal for the parks and facilities throughout the province; as well as, the quality of land being made available for parks and play spaces. Parks are being built on the left over pieces of land not wanted by schools or other government agencies (ex: Fire Halls).

The Board discussed key issues for the Association to focus on looking forward to the reformed Provincial Government. They identified Infrastructure Renewal, framed on the Premier-designate's families first agenda, Gaming Grants, and health promotion as the main issues to focus BCRPA's advocacy efforts.

PARTNERSHIPS

Swimming Pool Regulations

BCRPA is pursuing a full training review of the minimum competencies, course content and course duration for a basic and advanced course for Pool Operators to help provide a clearer standard for Pool Operator training. BCRPA posted the Response to Guidelines document on the BCRPA website and it was sent out in a Communiqué with a link to the Guidelines response.

Recreation Foundation of BC

The Board was informed of the \$10,000 donation to BCRPA's High Five program from the Recreation Foundation of BC. The Board discussed possible future cooperative initiatives with the Foundation.

CPRA Developments

As BCRPA is a member of the CPRA Board, the BCRPA Board received an update on the CPRA and recent CPRA Board meetings. BCRPA will continue to work with other members of the CPRA Board and show leadership in the organizational transition.

BCHLA Policy Paper & Physical Activity Project

The Board was presented with an overview of the BCHLA's most recent policy paper: Healthy Living in BC – The Next Generation. One of its recommendations under 'Supportive Environments' is the revitalization of recreation facilities, which is an advocacy issue BCRPA supports.