

Southern Michigan Recreation and Park Association
2009 Mid Year Report

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SMRPA serves Southern and Mid-Michigan area parks and recreation agencies. SMRPA currently has 32 paid members from over 20 different agencies, including vendors.

The annual SMRPA Tony Noyola Memorial Golf Outing was held on May 15th at El Dorado golf course in Mason. 188 golfers came out for a great day of golfing and food thanks to our 16 sponsors including Miracle of Michigan. SMRPA thanks all our golfers and volunteers for contributing and hopes to see you at the 2010 Tony Noyola Memorial Golf outing on May 14 at El Dorado. Flyers will be available during the MRPA annual conference in Grand Rapids. Please join us as we remember a great SMRPA member, Tony Noyola, who did not only serve this association well, but the recreation business as a whole, he will be missed. For more information, please call Tim Tilma at 517-694-1549.

SMRPA revenue from the golf outing and past sponsored professional development sessions allowed us to make monetary donations to and annual MRPA conference, the Tony Noyola Youth Recreation Memorial Fund, the purchase of a Walk Michigan Package and a golf package donation to the Scholarship Committee's golf outing and conference social. SMRPA is continuing to offer a rewards program which allows its members to request funding for professional development opportunities.

SMRPA members serve MRPA as board members, and on various committees including: athletics, scholarship, certification, awards, programming, and Mary Scheurer (Portland) serves as the MRPA Region 2 Director. Additionally, SMPRA members have presented at the MRPA annual conference, POW, Lansing Parks and Recreation Summer Training, and TRI. They also annually attend the MRPA, Programming Our World (POW) and NRPA conferences in an effort to increase their professional development.

SMRPA members also volunteer at MRPA athletic tournaments, PPK events, Hershey Track and Field, MRPA and NRPA conference, and other events throughout the state of Michigan.

This year SMRPA will be changing its meeting locations and format. All SMPRA meetings will take place at the Foster Community Center in Lansing, MI. The change came about as a way to be more centrally located and as a way to not alienate agencies from making long trip, i.e. Tecumseh to Portland. The format change is a result of SMRPA members requesting to get more educational training and to further justify the monthly meetings as budgets tighten. Each SMRPA meeting will be precluded by an

educational session by a selected expert in a certain field. Some examples of topics are Family Programming, and Marketing.

SMRPA members are committed to the benefits of networking with their peers and invite anyone to join us for our monthly meetings.

SMRPA 2009 Meeting Dates

All meetings start at 10:00 AM

Thursday 09/10/09

Thursday 10/08/09

Thursday 11/12/09

Friday 12/11/09 – Holiday Party

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