

RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 17, 2012

1:30 Red Cross Building

Note:

PRESENT:

RRCRV board members: Terry Lamb, Charles Wehage, John McDonough, Jessica Link, Jim Green, Jim Klein, Vern Jackson, Dick Lenth, Jim Spencer, Keith Sutherland, Cliff Koop, Bob Ocken, Mike Wilson and Dave Knuth

Community Service Agency Members:

Angie Ehle - WRAP

Tracey Robertson – Heritage Agency on Aging

Wayne Clayton – Options of Linn County

Theresa Robinson – Aging Services

Karla Terry – Linn-Mar School District

Rockwell Collins: Melanie Richert, Senior Community Relations Specialist

Guests: Sherri Hildebrand and Beth Ward, speaking on Solon's Corridor SportAbility Camp

CALL TO ORDER

President Lamb determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 17 board members were present, plus 2 guests.

MINUTES:

John McDonough moved, and Don Grimm seconded a motion to approve the draft minutes. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PRESENTATION:

Sherri Hildebrand talked about the SportAbility camp (see <http://sportabilityofiowa.org>) and a little bit about the shortcomings of other sources of activities for those that can't join in more conventional sports and recreation. Rehab is a short-term fix, with no help on leisure activities. There is limited access to fitness programs and exercise machines. With special problems such as where substance abuse is involved, no community answer is out there. The public does not know much about this organization. SportAbility provides programs in tennis, volleyball, archery, softball, basketball, cycling and swimming, all paralympic sports. Non-paralympic activities include fishing and kayaking.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing significant

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NEW BUSINESS:

The 2012 Annual Meeting will take place on November 14 at the James Manville Red Cross building, 1:30.

ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT: M. Richert is working on a display banner with the new logos.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

Options of Linn County- Wayne Clayton (via email)

The Abilities in Action/Tech Expo was held Oct 3 at KTOS. It went very well. Terry L and I were there. Approximately 150 people visited our table during the morning break and at lunch. We even ran out of WRAP brochures. Many of the visitors were local, others came from cities such as Burlington, Centerville and Dubuque. We received a lot of very favorable comments. Thanks for supporting that conference.

New Horizons has a new staff person who works on developing goals and objectives for the consumers. She'd like to get to know RCRV, so I'll bring her to an upcoming Thursday meeting to introduce her to you.

Thanks for all you do.

RSVP Agency Report – Jessica Link:

Emma Garvin has been hired as the new RSVP/Volunteer Center Coordinator in Jones County. Her first day was October 15. She was previously a Development Manager for the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. She lives in Monticello, Iowa – Jones County.

Thank you to those who attended the Call to Action breakfast on 9/20 – special thanks to Jim Green for speaking. We had about 50 participants and a lot of interest in the America Reads event.

The RSVP federal grant was submitted on October 16. We will be notified of awards in March 2013. The new grant will be effective on April 1, 2013. Nationally, all RSVPs are implementing changes in compliance with new federal

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grant requirements. More information on these changes will be shared in the future.

In November, RSVP will launch its bi-monthly Community Connections event. The first event will be co-hosted with Horizons Meals On Wheels on November 14. More info to come.

The Iowa Nonprofit Summit conference will be held November 7-8. Jessica will be attending.

A recruitment mailing was sent to 53 RCI retirees on September 19. Another mailing will go out in the coming weeks.

WRAP – Angie Ehle

16 ramps are in queue. So far this year, WRAP, RCRV and Aging Services have completed a combined total of 26 ramp projects.

HERITAGE AGENCY ON AGING: Tracey Robertson

Her agency will be getting a new volunteer coordinator. Also, Tracey is planning to be at an activity on October 26 from 9 to 4 at Xavier

COLLEGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT: - Kathy Waychoff via email

The America Reads program needs volunteers on October 19.

WHEELCHAIR RAMP ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM: - Angie Ehle

Twelve ramps are in queue, of which 10 have designers.

WRAP got some great publicity on TV connected with a Habitat build.

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Community Projects: - John McDonough

The 2012 RCRV Insurance seminars have been completed. We presented info to the RCI retirees to over 1400 from all parts of Iowa. Don Grimm, Harlan Hanson, and James Wolfe did a tremendous effort in providing lots of info to attending seniors in need of information on the 2013 RCI insurance program. We had representation from RCI's insurance department at each of our meetings. Extend Health representation canceled out at the last minute due to

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sickness. Several drug plans have disappeared and several have now been started so it will pay you to review your drug plan info to make sure that you indeed have the best plan for you. If you need help, get with one of your RCRV SHIP counselors.

Don Taylor of Habitat for Humanity provided an update to us on the recent move of the Restore facility from Hiawatha to downtown CR. He also put in a plea for more volunteers to assist at the Restore facility as well as to help in the build and repair of local homes.

The new logo gives us a chance to purchase new RCRV shirts. Jim Vacherlon is the point of contact for the purchase of new shirts. We have white and black polo shirts, plus long and short-sleeved denim shirts. Get with Jim to place your order.

Welcome To Medicare seminars have been provided over the summer to folks turning 65 in the area by James Wolfe, Joe Wells, Harlan Hanson and James Wolfe. Over 80,000 Iowans are turning 65 this year and next year. The seminars are done for the immediate future with the Part D enrollment period starting Monday.

WRAP continues to have a queue of around 15. We build a couple of ramps lowering the queue, then get more requests to put us back up. This is indeed an important program to the folks of our locale.

We received a request from Mary Melcher of the Monticello Schools to speak to 3rd graders about space and the universe. Vern Jackson is handling this request.

Morgan Sedlacek stopped in from VITA to speak about the need for income tax counselors for this program. If you have an interest in doing tax activities for 2012 in early 2013, please contact Morgan at 319-730-1148.

We continue to support the Kiwanis, SCORE, and SHIP at St Lukes, Mercy Med Center and Heritage Area Agency on Aging via RCRV counselors. We also support St. Lukes Hospice, the diabetic department of St Lukes as well as the Witwer center and then with the RSVP program at UWECI.

Bob Ocken wrote software to handle the scheduling of our clients at St Lukes. We have 3 offices running from 8 till 5 each day from Oct 15 through Dec 7. This amounts to a large scheduling problem; Bob's software alleviates the problems associated with the scheduling process. Good job Bob!

We also had a request to assist with labor needs for the Foundation 2 refurbishing project. If you can help, visit with Stephanie at 319-366-8797.

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If you can dream it, we can do it.

Data Base: – Jim Klein and Bill Ellis

- The data base currently contains 4031 retirees plus about 70 non-retirees.
- Database was updated for:
 - Returned newsletter from the previous mailing
 - New retiree list from RCI covering the months July, August and September 2012
 - Obituaries from Wilma Shadle
 - Miscellaneous updates from phone and email messages
- RCRV mailing list was provided to RCI for the next newsletter mailing
- Sent the new retiree list to Jessica Link so a “Welcome to RCRV” letter can go out.
- I have reviewed the names in the data base and have found just over 130 couples who are both retirees (with the same last name and address) and thus both receive the newsletter. I am considering if it is worth the effort to modify the data base to incorporate both persons in one data record. This would save some postage ($\$0.45 \times 150 = \67.50). I am not sure how to generate the report required to make the mailing labels for the newsletters so they show both names.

MEMBERSHIP: - Jessica Link

Stats for 2012:

- 218 current volunteers
- 12 new this year
- 168 members have reported hours this year
- 25,894 hours to date
- 33 inactive volunteers terminated/removed

COMMUNICATIONS: - Jim Green

The latest newsletter is complete and on the web site. It will be mailed soon.

ADJOURNMENT

President Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:27. The next board meeting will be November 14, 2012 at 1:30 at the Red Cross building. This is the 2012 Annual Meeting mandated by our bylaws.

Submitted by: C. Wehage

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