

VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA
April 21, 2022 – 10:00am
Lubber Run Community Center - Arlington

MINUTES

Attendees See sign-in sheet

Call to Order

Introductions

Review & Approval of Agenda Katie M. motioned, Roberta seconded, all approve

Review and Approval of Minutes Roberta motioned, Kaveh seconded, all approve

Review & Treasurer's Report Encouraged by attendance. Net income of \$512.38. Current balance of \$77.38. Revenues were impacted by lack of events over past year but January social had good attendance.

Board Liaison Report Karen unable to join. New Executive Director is Sue Black.

Resource & Specialty Group Reports:

Aquatics – no update

Awards Committee – Katie – transitioning back to normal conference awards schedule, \$35 until 6/30, \$45 until 7/31. Open to suggestions for changes.

Camp Coalition – looking for someone to lead group, looking at one-day CampCon

Health and Wellness – Sheryl (Arlington): January meeting talked about accessibility in fitness spaces, last month's discussion was about internship coordination. Upcoming June meeting will have a VDH rep talking about svape-free program

Park Operations – no update

Senior Programming – June 9: Sharon Ensminger from Chesterfield – Senior Marketing; August 11: Joy Hebert (Blacksburg) - senior trips

Special Events and Marketing – no update

Therapeutic – no update

Chairperson's Report (Emilie Shumate)

Shared info about VRPS ELists, new website, new member open house on 5/4, meeting/social on 6/2, workplan

Subcommittees:

Communications: reminder about new website, calendar feed to be added, email blasts to go out for upcoming events

Socials: No report. More updates to come, finalizing location for June social

Sponsorships: Lyndell shared difficulties about sponsorships in the current climate. Open to suggestions.

Anyone interested in joining a subcommittee is invited to join the NSA Executive Team meeting on May 16.

Roundtable:

Arlington:

- Restructuring fitness unit, adding staff but looking for more PTs
- Trying to get people back in centers
- Partnering w/ neighboring jurisdictions to continue virtual programming

Fairfax City

- Joint project w/ Fairfax County health center/community center
- Director Cathy Salgado retiring
- Active to RecTrac transition– will need to overlap for up to a year
- Spotlight on the Arts Festival kicks off today
- Raised CSR pay – no major staffing issues

Falls Church

- Hiring Program Supervisor
- Hiring Sports Programmer
- Hiring Rec Specialist
- Gearing up for Memorial Day, figuring out fall preschool program
- Sports back to normal
- Camp registration underway – need more staff

Fairfax County

- Renovations at Mt Vernon RECenter – two-year shutdown, working w/ community
- Working on hiring

Loudoun

- Just achieved accreditation
- Hired countywide aquatics manager
- Hiring programs and marketing manager
- New building at Lovettsville Community Center
- Getting ready for camps
- Renovated Sterling Community Center opened – very busy (averaging 50 youth/day). Looking for gaming units. 100 kids participated in egg hunt.

McLean Community Center

- Struggling with hiring
- Camp registrations going well

Prince William

- Hiring sports programmer, special events programmer and aquatics staff – really need PT aquatics staff for pools and waterparks
- Summer camp up compared to 2019
- Pre-school returning to normal capacity in fall

Reston Community Center (no report at meeting due to time constraints)

- Supporting Tephra ICA Festival (formerly NOVA Fine Arts Festival) at Reston Town Center May 20-22
- Staff changes – new Communications Director, Kevin Danaher promoted from Community Events Director to Leisure and Learning Director. Full-time opportunities expected over next few months.
- Reclassing Maintenance Worker positions to Facility Attendants to better align w/ job duties, increase employee pay and offer more promotional opportunities