

VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA  
September 14, 2022 – 10:00am  
Sterling Community Center

## MINUTES

**Attendees** See sign-in sheet

**Call to Order**

**Introductions**

**Review & Approval of Agenda** Nicole F. motioned, Amy Y. seconded, all approved

**Review and Approval of Minutes** Amy Y. motioned, Paige seconded, all approved

**Review & Treasurer's Report** Breaking even over course of year. Expenses are related to meetings and socials plus funding VRPS socials and scholarship funds. Offered VRPS membership scholarship through NSA for the first time this year – may reconsider number of awardees due to high response. Question about budget cycle: NSA/VRPS budget on a calendar year cycle. Question about goals: we want to provide funding to VRPS Foundation as much as possible.

**Board Liaison Report** Real Talk Series coming out – please check it out. Kat Fish is new VRPS President.

### **Resource & Specialty Group Reports:**

Aquatics – no update

Awards Committee – met on 8/24 to select award winners to be announced at Conference

Camp Coalition – will meet this fall and start planning for next year. Looking for someone to help out with setting up meetings (roughly every other month).

Health and Wellness – no update

Park Operations – conducting CPSI class in Roanoke this week

Senior Programming – no update

Special Events and Marketing – no update

Therapeutic – no update

### **Chairperson's Report** (Emilie Shumate)

Call for 2023 NSA board members has closed, still have one position open. Anyone interested should reach out to Emilie. Important to have full slate of board members.

2022 workplan – will be updated by end of year. Designed on member feedback. Year-end surveys will be coming out soon – please provide input as we tailor workshops and meeting/social locations based on feedback.

Calendar – November 6 NSA Social, November 30 virtual business meeting, January 6 social at Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax.

### **Subcommittees:**

Communications: Go to new VRPS website and update your information if you haven't done so already.

Socials: Coordinated to host NSA social at Marriott Presidential Suite at Conference. Looking at potential activities.

Sponsorships: Able to have today's lunch sponsored by El Chef Latino

## Roundtable:

### Fairfax City

- Fall Festival on 10/8-10/9
- Fall programs running at 95% of pre-COVID levels
- Had large number of COVID cases over summer but no major issues

### Falls Church

- Falls Church Festival this weekend
- Senior Center is now membership based, ran first open house

### Fairfax County

- Oak Hill open house this weekend
- Green Springs Fall Garden Fest this weekend
- Bugfest on 10/1 at Lewinsville Historic House
- Public Lands Day on 9/24 – Executive Director wrapping up tour of all 420 parks

### Loudoun County

- Hanson Park about to open
- Sterling CC preparing for Latino Heritage Month community celebration

### Reston Association

- Camps are over, experienced some staffing issues
- 70% retention rate for lifeguards which was fantastic, able to keep one heated pool open until end of Sept.
- Hosted five Doggy Paddle events
- Hosting Howloween event on 10/15
- 5K fundraiser on 10/16
- Pickleball tournament this weekend – 210 participants

### Reston Community Center

- Reston Multicultural Festival on 9/17 at new location (Reston Town Center)
- Lots of staffing changes/challenges

### Spotsylvania County

- Hosted Doggone Pool Party, Free Movie Night
- Good pool season, no staffing challenges
- Starting to build senior programming back up
- Hosting trip to NYC in December