

**Virginia Recreation and Park Society  
Central Service Area Meeting – August 16, 2018  
Dinwiddie  
Minutes**

Minutes are in draft form until approved at the December 2018 meeting.

Attendees: Nil Patel, Jeff Bona, Sharon Entsminger, CJ Daniel, Tabitha Martinez, Aaron Reidmiller, Clay Overby, Ray Vines

**Business Meeting:**

Welcome by Nil. He called the Business Meeting to order.

Minutes from the April 2018 meeting were approved, with one amendment.

CSA Budget must be prepared between now and November to be submitted to the VRPS Board for approval. Nil recommends using the same budget as this year to submit for 2019. He will work on this.

Sponsored memberships discussion continued. Use of the funds might be better served sending the Chair to Annual Conference or other training. Idea to send other CSA members (Executive Board) to other training as well. Discussion of cost of annual conference to delegates. The conference is a major fundraiser for the Society which is necessary for operational expenses.

Generation of funds for this year: Pickleball Tournament and Workshop. Both planned for September.

Pickleball Tournament planned for Sept. 29. Aaron can't be there to run the tournament. Nil will work with Henrico and Chesterfield staff to operate the tournament. Aaron is preparing online registration for the tournament. He will send flyer to CSA members and past tournament participants.

**CSA Group Meeting:**

Welcome by Nil. Roundtable introductions.

Chair's Report:

Nil is looking for ways to generate interest in CSA/VRPS for new members.

Elections for CSA Board positions are open until Aug. 31.

Question about difference in other Service Area's board positions. Some have a group of members who are voted in and serve. The differences are based on the by-laws of each Service Area.

CSA Workshop: Set for Thursday, Sept. 13 at Eastern Henrico Recreation Center. No minimum on participants. But we will cancel with less than 15. Nil has lunch sponsor covered. Question about paying the \$15 per person cost for CEU's out of the registration fee. Aaron will follow-up.

Speakers: Rita Miller, VDH; Jacki Quinlan; Sports Backers; Karen Holson, DGIF; Ann Jurczyk, Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Bill Conkle, DCR. One additional speaker will replace one speaker who had to cancel.

Treasurer's Report: Zero activity to date.

Report from the VRPS Board – Aaron Reidmiller:

Grant partnership with Game Time. Recognized 24 projects across the state and provided up to 100% of funds for the playgrounds. These localities will be recognized during Annual Conference. VDH stepped up and was a sponsor of Virginia Senior Games. They have also had some other educational and free promotions offered to VRPS members. Annual Conference in Henrico County in November. Management Conference and Special Event Institute in 2019 in Suffolk.

Thanks to Henrico County for hosting the Virginia Senior Games in May. Lots of rain and weather issues, but the event still ran well. Participants were happy. 2019 Senior Games will be in Henrico.

Working on 2019 and 2020 conferences. May work with JMU and host annual conference in Harrisonburg in 2021.

Check the VRPS website for other workshops. Senior Resource Group workshop is in September.

Aaron looking for input on the weekly e-update newsletter.

In November, Board will review election results and have elections for Board positions.

CSA lunch at conference? Suggestion to host lunch on Sunday in the President's Suite. Notify CSA members attending conference for RSVP. Sharon and Nil will work on this. We will have revenue numbers by Oct. 1 to determine a budget for this lunch. Jeff will add this event to the conference schedule.

#### Resource Groups Update:

New Special Events Resource Group has been formed.  
ABC rep is hosting a session at VRPS Office, August 31, 10 a.m.  
TR Resource Group is meeting.  
Senior Resource Group has workshop coming up.

#### By-laws update:

Suggested changes were discussed. Will be voted on at Dec. meeting. Draft changes of by-laws will be placed on the VRPS website and CSA members notified of the vote in December.  
Other items to be considered? Slate of board members versus Offices such as Chair and Vice-Chair can be discussed.

#### Roundtable:

Happenings in localities:

*Henrico* – Senior Games was successful. Summer camps, lots of schools were being renovated. 24 sites with free camps, plus about 10 with fee camps. Staffing was an issue, as always.  
Interest in archery to host tournaments in Henrico, from Senior Games participants.  
Idea to host a CSA archery tournament.  
Fourth of July was crazy. Crowd over 20,000. Twice the attendance from previous year. Will be held at Dorey Park again next year.  
Looking at building a basketball complex, public/private partnership.

*Chesterfield* – New Assistant Director of Recreation, Bob Smet. Fall Program Guide is out, registration begins Monday. CAPRA Accreditation Team visited this summer. Anticipating accreditation at NRPA Conference. New pickleball courts at Daniel Park at Iron Bridge.

*Hopewell* – Arlington Park renovated. Ceremony during National Night Out event. Groundbreaking for Game Time grant project; \$76,000 in grant funds received. Hope to be completed by Annual Conference. Waiting for permitting to start building riverfront boardwalk. \$600,000 project with walking, jogging, birding, and nature interpretation. Eventually to connect to marina. Part of Appomattox River Trail plan (26 miles) spearheaded by FOLAR. Summer camps went well. Police camp being held as well. Fireworks were great, hosted the weekend prior to July 4. New kayaking program started.

*Dinwiddie* – Ray welcomed us to the county. This is one the most under-served areas of the county. The center was placed here to help serve this community. Center opened in 2017. Helps address health and obesity issues. Department internal restructure going on now. Finishing up summer camps. Gearing up for football, soccer and wrestling. Looking at athletic play with Hopewell, Prince George, Colonial Heights and opening opportunities for girls. Working with VSU sports recreation department, networking and attracting part-time staff. Dinwiddie County Fair, Sept. 7-9. \$10 per carload. Usually 13,000 attend over three days. VACo Award received for the community center.

Next meeting Dec. 6 in Henrico County (exact location to be announced).  
Thanks to Dinwiddie County for hosting.

Adjournment.