

**Virginia Recreation and Park Society
Central Service Area Meeting – Dec. 13, 2018
Dinwiddie
Minutes**

Minutes are in draft form until approved at the February 2019 meeting.

Attendees: Nil Patel, Jeff Bona, Sharon Entsminger, CJ Daniel, Tabitha Martinez, Aaron Reidmiller, Jen O'Malley, Tom Gates, Heather Clement, Bob Smet, Paul Wilmoth, Marquis Alled, Chris Walters, Ben Fairbanks

Business Meeting:

Nil welcomed everyone to the business meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Introductions – around the table

Minutes from August 16 meeting reviewed. Aaron moved and Jeff seconded. Approved by vote.

Treasurer's report: \$2,198.57 minus conference lunch expense of \$164.70 and lunch today approx. \$200 Leaving \$1,750 to be distributed to end the year balanced.

Certification fee of \$30 was paid for workshop that was cancelled (weather). Question: if the workshop is held exactly as planned, do we have to pay the fee again? The thought was that we would not have to. Aaron will check on this.

Motion to set scholarship rate offered by CSA for conference registration fees to be set at 100% - by Jeff. CJ seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion of how to distribute remaining funds of approx. \$1,750.

Motion to fund 2 conference scholarships and 1 LTI scholarship totaling -\$1475 with remaining dollars (approx. \$275) going to Foundation for operational expenses. Jeff moved, Tabitha seconded. Motion passed.

Budget for 2019: \$1,500 revenue with \$1,500 expenditures. Budget amended and passed.

CSA Group Meeting:

CSA meeting began at 10:09 a.m.

Nil talked about 2019 plans to use the first half hour focused on business of CSA and then rest of the meeting focused on networking and the exciting things that CSA is doing.

Introduction of additional members at the meeting.

Chair's Report:

Annual Conference was held in Henrico in November. CSA lunch social during conference (23 attended – great crowd). VRPS Board liaison to CSA will be appointed in January. Kim Turner from New Kent is new VRPS President. AJ from Colonial Heights is CSA Chair-Elect. She is out of town today.

Senior Games in 2019 in Henrico. Volunteers will be needed. Hanover and Hopewell assisting this coming year.

Workshop – Tabitha reported that the Sept. workshop was cancelled due to weather. March 21 or 28 as potential dates to offer the workshop again. Tentatively at Dorey Park or Confederate Hills recreation centers in Henrico. Tabitha is in touch with the same speakers.

Possible fall workshop, idea for physical and mental health in the workplace. Aaron suggested the health and wellness focus as an idea.

Pickleball tournament – Event was held in Sept. in Chesterfield and was highly successful. Nil encouraged people to attend. Targeted dates for 2019 – last weekend of Sept. and first weekend of October. May use new 12-court facility at CTC @ Hull in Chesterfield. Aaron will find out about competing tournament in Arlington.

Host localities are needed for CSA meetings in February and April. Goochland will host August and Colonial Heights will host December meeting. Chesterfield offered to host meeting on February 28 at Stonebridge Recreation Center.

Treasurer's Report – was covered in Business Meeting

Reports of Committees and Liaisons:

VRPS Board Liaison – Aaron

Orientation event – input from Nil about getting more out of the orientation for what he needs to handle his role as Chair.

Management Conference – still time to sign up. February in Suffolk

2018 – good year as President, working on new resource groups, committees and partners

Roundtable discussion:

Henrico – Nil is now working on the facility side of operations at Deep Run, used to be on programming side. Getting ready to start hiring for summer staff. Held Santa Paws special event, celebration for Highland Spring HS football team, dealing with weather damage to special events equipment. Getting ready for 2019. Looking for other parking vendors (other than RMC). TR dance this weekend. CJ appreciates still working in the recreation field and at the center with public.

Dinwiddie – Huge restructure of department. Posting Rec Manager for Athletics this week. Focusing on new direction for future. Christmas craft fair/bazaar to be held this weekend. New recreation center won Best New Facility from VRPS. Pickleball has started to gain momentum. Girls basketball is struggling. Partnerships with Hopewell, Prince George and Colonial Heights.

Hopewell – River walk is under construction as part of Appomattox River Trail. Playground project, from Game Time, is held up because of weather. Will have one-of-a-kind piece of equipment and inclusive environment. 20th boat parade was held recently with a great turnout. Christmas Parade with 76 units took an hour, 45 minutes. Included illumination of tree, Santa, carriage rides, food. Skating rink is up and running until Jan. 5.

Chesterfield – CAPRA agency accreditation achieved in Sept. Construction continuing on new pickleball courts at CTC @ Hull – 12 courts. First time Trunk or Treat event attracted 10,000 attendees, 30 vendors, and had movie, hay rides, nature center animals, DJ and food. Hiring for basketball gyms has been a struggle, even after raising salary range. 27 weekends scheduled so far for sports tourism in 2019. Chesterfield is a finalist for the International Quidditch World Championships for 2020. Final three fields were lit at River City Sportsplex. Postings for jobs coming up in the next couple of months. Staff raised \$1,000 for charity family as holiday project.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.