

Park Operations Resource Group
Meeting Minutes
April, 25, 2019 10:00am
VRPS Office

In attendance:

Dan Smith, Board Liaison

Alister Perkinson, Chair

Matt Spruill, Chair-Elect

Kristen Hamill, Recorder

Tom Gates, Member At Large

Patty McGrath, Eastern Service Area Representative (phone)

Nominations/Elections

- Matt Spruill nominated for Chair-Elect (elected)
- Kristen Hamill nominated for Recorder (elected)

New Business

Annual Conference

- Discussed having a PORG meeting while at conference
 - Tuesday meeting at conference for group was discussed - Jim informed us of procedure for scheduling meeting
- Tuesday morning off-site Parks Ops day
 - Breakfast/coffee
 - 20 minute speed sessions
 - We'll offer Steve Torpy our assistance for the Parks Ops day
 - Dan, Tom, Matt, Alister, Kristen, Patty and Christen are attending conference

Athletic Fields workshop (hands-on training) feedback handout

- More affordable options for maintenance equipment or resolutions to common issues
- Talk with Goatley about adjusting classroom presentations
- More Practical Information, real life examples

Future Trainings Discussion

- Service Areas doing trainings - a couple per year; didn't get much of a response
- Jim discussion on CPSI Certification trainings
- Adjusting and offering Playground maintenance course; no testing, 1 day 6 hour course, \$140-book and lunch included

- Locations it will be held:
 - Leesburg (2) days will be first one
 - Newport News (2) days and Blacksburg
- NAYS - certification program for volunteer coaches
 - 1 day class \$400; need 25 people
 - It will be held in Norfolk
 - This is not a PORG related topic so going to leave it to Norfolk
- Glyphosate information has been sent out but more on this would be good for a webinar or training
- Other webinars; membership call for talent to offer these:
 - Using this as a way to get info out to VRPS folks
 - Anonymous way to get info out; trying to have different people send out information
 - Articles for magazine, website
 - Call to member for talent to offer the following
 - Park Enforcement
 - Trails
 - Tourism/Programming connection

PORG Database

- PDF spreadsheet; Dan will manage for now

PDF/WEBSITE TRACKING

- Would like to see how many clicks we are getting

Next Meeting: August 15, 2019, 10am at VRPS Office