

VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA
September 19, 10am-12pm
The River View, Occoquan Regional Park, Lorton, VA
Minutes

Attendees: Melissa Nester, Blythe Russian, Kathleen Fish, Sheri Conrad, Emilie Shumate, Roberta Korzen, Kate Irwin, Chris Madison, Kaveh Tajalli, Sam Roberts, Brianne Baglini, Karl Mohle, Sarah Oberther, Amy Youngs

Agencies Represented: Falls Church Recreation and Parks, Fairfax County Park Authority, NOVA Parks, Loudoun County PRCS, City of Fairfax, Fauquier County, Prince William County Department of Parks and Recreation

- I. Call to Order:** by **Sarah Oberther** at 10:08 AM
- II. Introductions/Round Room**
- III. Review & Approval of Agenda** –motion to approve by **Kaveh**, second by **Sheri**. Agenda Unanimously approved
- IV. Review & Approval of Minutes**-. Minutes from 6/27/18 - First **Emilie**, Second **Amy**. Minutes Unanimously approved
- V. Treasurer's Report (Sheri Conrad)** No changes since last meeting. Current overage is \$1,356. Recently paid \$300 towards conference social and revenues from today's workshop.
- VI. Board Liaison Report: (Michael)** –
 - Not present
- VII. Chairman's Report (Sarah):**
 - Executive Meeting held on 06/20/2018 – Introduce & welcome Emilie (2019 Communications Chair) and Dana (2019 Recorder). Kaveh will be 2019 Chair, Julie Miles will be 2019 Vice Chair, and Amy will be 2019 Treasurer. Sarah and Sheri leave the board.
 - Work Plan Updates- Sarah reviewed all goals and provided a status update
 - 2019 Management Conference & Special Events Institute is in February. Apply for a scholarship through early registration.
- VIII. Old Business:**
 - November 28 at Pinecrest – Meeting, roundtable on alternate revenue opportunities, \$10 includes lunch and footgolf.
 - 2019 VRPS Management Conference February 23-26, 2019
- IX. New Business:**
 - Annual Conference – Golf Tournament, Saturday, November 3.
 - Annual Conference – Social at Skate Nation – form a team for broomball and laser tag. Send Sarah your name if you'd like to get put on a team.
 - Winter Social January 11, 2019, at Meadowlark Gardens \$20 per person for food, games, and fun! Registration and flyer coming soon.
- X. Subcommittee Reports**
 - Communications & Social Committee Update
 - i. Footgolf Social November 28
 - ii. NSA Social at Conference will be held Monday before the banquet. NSA will purchase appetizers. Please RSVP.

- Awards and Citations – awards are judged in population categories, sections have been made and will be awarded Monday, November 5. into population
- Aquatics Updates (Melissa Nester) - Fall Opps workshop Tuesday, October 16, in Newport News. Early Registration ends Sept 30. Jim from AAA Pool Service will present. Board meeting next week.
- 2019 Conference Updates- (Kaveh Tajalli) – Sunday dinner before the social is typically held, may be a dinner at a park with food trucks. Commercial will be presented to get folks excited for 2019. Roberta – will be recruiting volunteers to staff the 2019 table.

XI. Next Meeting TBD

Winter Social – January 11, Meadowlark

XII. Discussion and Roundtable

City of Fairfax – Cultural Arts Marketing Manager Position recently filled and new employee will begin Monday, October 8. Event assistant began about a month ago, & Fall Festival will be held the second Saturday in October. November Holiday Craft Show. Almost always hiring Customer Service Representatives.

Fauquier County – Fall Fun Day Saturday – First time managing entire event. Jingle job December 1 for charity. Director is retiring.

NOVA Parks –Corn maze and Fall Festival last weekend in Sept – November 6 at Temple Hill. Also at Temple Hall, make your own bouquet program and lots of baby animals. Light show season at Meadowlark Nov 9-Jan 6, nightly. Full time positions available. Offer to have NSA facilitate a 5K on the trail as a fundraiser. Light show at Bull Run opens November 21-January 6. Snowflake event November 17 - walk/run through the lights.

Prince William – Lots of renovations in preparation of next season. Working on accreditation (3 year plan).

Loudon – Completed big Bluemont Fair this past weekend. Multiple Holiday Craft Shows. Christmas in Middleburgh December 1.

Fairfax County Park Authority: Frying Pan Park hosted 9 horses fleeing hurricanes, 5 sites with museum collections received accreditation this summer, CAPRA accreditation at the same time, launched new POS system. New events at golf courses and hosting Burketoberfest – Indoor facility Family Golf Learning Center at Pinecrest is open and Turkey tournament. Continue women in golf initiative. Alcohol policy going to the board Sept 26.

Falls Church: Held Fall Festival this weekend. Movies coming up along with Farm Day October 6. New mascot, PRex the Trex made its first public appearance this past weekend.

XIII. Adjourn