

**VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA**  
**Wednesday April 26, 2017 10am-12pm**  
**NRPA Headquarters**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Ron Tillman, Blythe Russian, Sarah Oberther, Kat Fish, Sheri Conrad, Kaveh Tajalli, Karen Brutshe, Cheri Danaher, Amy Maltese, Bobby Stanley, Ellen Rodgers, Todd Brown, Brianne Baglini, Karen Lussier, Laura Cutrona, Jenna Burnett, Tiffany Mai

**Agencies Represented:** Prince William Co., Loudoun, Reston CC, GMU, FCPA, Herndon, Falls Church, Reston Association, City of Fairfax, Vienna, NOVA Parks

- I. Call to Order:** by **Kat Fish** at 10:05 AM
- II. Introductions/Round Room**
- III. Review & Approval of Agenda** –motion to approve by **Ron**, second by **Blythe**. Agenda Unanimously approved
- IV. Review & Approval of Minutes-**. Motion to approve by **Blythe**, second by **Cheri** Minutes unanimously approved.
- V. Treasurer's Report (Ron Tillman)** Made 1285.00 on spring workshop still have \$210 to come in Total revenues \$2244.22, Expenses \$457.99. Total overage is \$1,786.23 to be put towards scholarships for conference and LTI.
- VI. Board Liaison Report: (Blythe) –**
  - Held Quarterly meeting in April
  - Annual Conference October 21-24 in Hampton
  - 2018 Henrico
  - 2019 Fairfax, Sheraton-Tysons Corner, September 7-10
  - 2020 Norfolk
  - April 15-17 LTI 2018 at Wintergreen
  - Had investment policy review
  - There is a group working on special events conference, you may see info come out in email, newsletters would involve 2 days of education and a showcase-Doug Blount, Bill Sgrinia, and Cindy Roeder working on it. Tentative date Jan 20-22, 2018
  - VRPS is working on CEU approval process and timeline
  - Read emails and website info about Legislative items
  - May 15<sup>th</sup> VRPS magazine deadline
- VII. Chairman's Report: (Kat Fish) –**
  - March Workshop-23 Attendees and exceeded expectations via the survey and verbal feedback.
  - Senior Resource group fall conference Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> in Reston: Scholarships available deadline is 7/16/2017
  - 2017 VRPS Annual Conference scholarships are available deadline is 6/30/2017
  - Two board positions available in 2018-Deadline is July 15th
- VIII. Old Business**
  - None
- IX. New Business:**
  - NRPA Presentation

**1. Molly-Certification Manager**

- NRPA has over 60,000 members, 3100 in VA
- 3 Pillars of NRPA 1. Healthy Lifestyles 2. Conservation 3. Social Equity
- Annual Conference to be held Sept. 26-28 in New Orleans
- Certification programs: AFO,CPRP, CPRE, Playground Safety
- New Leadership training Certificate program to begin online see Webinar for info
- Online courses for education and professional development, including the premier webinar series
- Schools: Revenue, Directors, Maintenance, Event Management and Supervisor

**2. Melissa-**

- Conducted Annual Performance review-Available online with interactive charts.
- Park pulse poll, get an idea on how Americans are feeling about P&R opportunities. Will be published in Magazine and available online
- Will be doing Economic impact study this fall

**3. Roxanne-Communications**

- Website NRPA. Org
- All social media; facebook, Instagram, Pinterest
- Emails, newsletters, magazine
- July is Parks and Rec month, Get your Play On, advertising, calendar of events etc. available online.

- Sheri Conrad-Pricing of workshops. NSA will be using a base fee for non- paid speaker workshops. \$16 per CEU hour (1.25)

**X. Subcommittees:**

- Awards –Amy Maltese. Application available online, new format, Early \$35, late, \$45 presented Monday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at conference.

**XI. Next Meeting**-June, 28<sup>th</sup>, Splashdown, presentation from Aquatics group, tour and behind the scenes of Splashdown.

**XII. May 11<sup>th</sup> Foot Golf Social at Pinecrest**

**XIII. Discussion and Roundtable**

- Flow Motion Demo coming in Reston soon
- Falls Church doing more free programs
- June 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Herndon Festival
- Washington Metro Council of Governments offers a Certified Public Manager Course-Great class.

**XIV. Adjourn:** Meeting Adjourned at 11:15.