

VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA
Wednesday February 25, 2015
Sherwood Community Center, Fairfax
AGENDA

Attendees: Todd Brown, Sam Roberts, Stacy Chouinard, Brain Hanifan, AJ Fuller, Brianne Baglini, Karen Lussier, Debbie Woodbury, Cindy Roeder, Sam Roberts.

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:21am by Karen Lussier (In absence of Chair)

II. Review & Approval of Agenda: No Agenda was prepared.

III. Review & Approval of Minutes: No Minutes were presented.

IV. Introductions

Introduction of all present, name and agency.

The 2015 Officers:

Ryan Brookes, Chair

Todd Brown, Chair-elect

Brianne Baglini - Treasurer

David Miller-Recorder

Stacy Chouinard -Communications & Newsletter

V. Treasurer's Report (Brianne) The NSA 2015 Budget was shared: The document had been submitted to the VRPS board and was unanimously approved by email vote on February 6th, 2015.

VI. Board Liaison Report: - No report. Waiting on new board Liaison

VII. Chairman's Report: (Ryan Brookes) - No report due to absence.

VIII. Old Business

The NSA Holiday party was held in December, Attendance was lower than previous years. Attendees noted the date conflicted with other organizational staff functions. Sam Roberts helped to organize the lunch and noted that an "after the holiday" lunch was considered but that the choice of date was put to a vote and the December date was chosen by the group

IX. New Business:

Workshops:

Stacy announced she was stepping down from her position, leaving a board vacancy. After consulting the by-laws the chair will take action to fill the position.

Discussion on workshops to offer this year included:

- Summer staff training- (Arlington's training model was discussed, as was the American Camping Association regional training)
- Policy to Play-train staff to make games more inclusive and more physical. (Out of state presenter, but could piggy back off Arlington)
- Suicide Prevention and Recognition-Fairfax County has a program. AJ Fuller to get information and look at options
- Certified Interpretation Guide Training-FCPA can offer; max 12-15 participants. Todd will pursue.
- Managing Yourself to Lead-Debbie Woodbury, Falls Church presented this session at VRPS Management conference and Resolving Conflict was led by Lakita Watson (Suffolk)
- Analyzing Trends/Evaluations-Cynthia Hoftiezer (Herndon) is working to develop a workshop on evaluation methods and processes for programs and services. Lesley Stuler is willing to present her session on this topic.

X. Subcommittee Reports:

Awards and Citations: Amy Maltese reported through Debbie that the committee is relooking at the categories; on line applications went well; no meeting yet.

Membership: Todd Brown and Debbie Woodbury-verify NSA membership list and obtain a current list; discussion on sending materials and information to members' vs non-members-balancing member benefits vs supporting the profession and encouraging participation.

Communications and Newsletter: no additional report.

Holiday Social: Sam will work on some options. **Summer Social:** Discussion on a Bike and Wine in Purcellville. Northgate Vineyards offers a chocolate and wine tour. Brianne will check into both these ideas. Interest expressed in offering bi-monthly informal after work socials.

Elections: Lesley Stuler, as past chair, will coordinate the election process. Ballots need to be compiled 60 days prior to the annual VRPS business meeting and must be available to the members for 30 days.

Annual Conference Program Committee Representative: Todd Brown.

XI. Next Meeting – April 29, 2015 - Sherwood Community Center, Fairfax.

XII. Discussion and Roundtable: Highlights of attendee's events, activities and job/facility openings.
Roundtable
Todd Brown – FCPA – Springfest April 25 at the Lorton Arts Center; new Deputy Director started this week
Sam Roberts – officially retire Jan 30; still active with NSA. McLean Day May 16. New contact info samrobertsiii@cox.net
Stacy Chouinard – Arlington ahs a TR specialist vacancy, and camp staff positions available
Brian Hanifin – Vienna preparing for 125th anniversary
AJ Fuller – NCS – Reston Teen Center – preparing for spring soccer league; can include other organizations
Brienne Baglini– City of Fairfax – Derby-que on Derby Day, May 2 – bourbon, beer, bands
Karen Lussier – City of Fairfax – Rock the Block outdoor monthly summer concert; camps – added preschool and going well
Kaveh – new park – Old Town Square – opening in April
Debbie Woodbury– Falls Church – hosted a camp fair and camp registration and class enrollments are up; Teen and Camp Coordinator position vacancy
Cindy Roeder – Herndon preparing for agency reaccreditation in spring of 2016 and conversion to the new version of Rec Trac in January 2016.

XIII. Adjourn: Cindy Roeder made a motion to adjourn at 11:25am seconded by Brienne Baglini. Approved Unanimously.