

VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA

October 25, 2023

Old Town Hall, Fairfax Va

AGENDA

Mission: Develop park and recreation leaders in the Northern Service Area through collaboration, networking, and education while supporting the overall objectives of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society.

Vision: We will be a service area inclusive of the diverse jurisdictions and responsibilities in the Northern Service Area to collaborate and expand the knowledge and resources available to all current and future members.

10-10:30 p.m.

- **Welcome**
 - Board members in attendance – Roberta Korzen- Chair, Sarah Oberther – Communications Chair, Karen Lussier – Board Liaison, and Julie Kagler – Recorder.
 - Review April Meeting notes
- **Presidents Report – Kat Fish**
 - Finalizing the VRPS strategic plan on 10/26 hoping to present it at the leadership orientation on Dec 7th – Save the Date will be sent out.
- **Board Liaison Report (Karen Lussier)** - new executive director Bailey Kasten lives in northern Virginia area. Bailey has a work background in non-profit organizations.
- **Resource & Specialty Group Reports: resources and specialty groups are a way to get involved with VRPS. Focus on specific areas and great opportunity for networking across the state.**
 - Resource Groups
 - [Aquatics –](#)

November 8th, 1:30pm	Zoom	Minutes
December 13th, 1:30pm	Zoom	Minutes

- - Park Operations - non new info
 - Senior Programming Meeting - 2 **December 14 at 2:30 p.m. Virtual Members Meeting - 2024 Ideas and Senior Special Events.**
 - Special Events and Marketing. – contact rjohnson@hopewellva.gov
 - Therapeutic Recreation – tracy.newsom@jamescitycountyva.gov
 - Health and Wellness - **Brandt Jeffers "Be a Social Butterfly: Tips & Tricks for Networking"** Nov. 2 at 10am via Microsoft teams.
 - Outdoor Recreation – Sarah 10/26/23 - Outdoor Recreation – Sarah Oberther to send link to join. Sarah.oberther@fairfaxcounty.gov
 - YoPro Update 35 and under or under 7 years in the profession November 13, virtual Rap up of the Year and Setting goals for 2024 and then every other month.
 - DEI Resource Group – First meeting Monday, October 11 a.m. - Kat Fish to send link to join
- Specialty Groups
 - Camp Coalition Informal group, NOVA November 20 at 10 a.m. Email Katie.MacCammon@fairfaxva.gov.

- **Chairperson's Report: (Roberta Korzen)**
 - VRPS conference large NSA turnout. Recruited new board member for 2024 Lisa Shackelford from Town of Vienna. Awarded 2 scholarships for new members to VRPS, Sponsored membership, recruiting for sub committees, planning winter social.
- **Communications Chair Report (Sarah Oberther)**
 - November 13 Business Meeting, January 12 social possible location Vienna Community Center
 - Please update your VRPS profile check to make sure you have northern service area marked that way you will receive emails from board.
- **Review & Treasurer's Report (Derrick Cowles) \$1,600 surplus**
- **Subcommittees:**
 - Sponsorship Committee

Around the Room

FCPA – Roberta Korzen – recently FCPA was reaccredited by CAPRA.

FCPA – Sarah Oberther – Ghost town at Burkle Lake with goblin golf, carousel, and train rides. Halloween on the Farm sold out event at Frying Pan Park.

FCPA – Karen Lussier. Currently working on planning for next summer.

FCPA – Hannah – Wakefield Skate Park – had a grand reopening celebration after being delayed since May. Three celebrity skaters attended and over 200 people attended. Working on business plan for roller rink that was donated to Lake Fairfax from the Capitols.

Sterling Community Center

- 2nd annual Latino Festival -moved inside due to rain.
- Sterling Fest partnered with Sterling Foundation raise funds to beautify Sterling Blvd.
- Costume Party
- Trunk or Treat
- Sesame Street Anniversary

Katie Mac – City of Fairfax getting ready for Holiday Craft Show on Nov 18th and 19th. Planning for summer.

Darby Charles – Lovettsville Community Center – had a life size family game night and had end of summer do swim. Getting ready for Trunk or Treat event.

Sheri Conrad – Bluemont Community Center – staying busy with preschool and schools out camp. Loudoun introduced a new preschool curriculum.

Debbie – Philmont Community Center – Halloween Hayride Oct 28th sold out event with 300 people attending. Longest running event in Loudoun.

Chezia Galloway – working on engaging and connecting with different demographics. Also do small pop-up events at high schools and parks on the go. Working on NAYEC accreditation process for preschool/childcare.

Steve Torphy – time of year extremely busy with election and busy early voting sites. Had a tour of the site/building for Ashburn Recreation and Community Center. Planning meeting for Dulles South Park.

Tyler – Lovettsville Community Center – working on outreach with local businesses. Updated tennis courts and have 4 pickleball courts.

Nick Wilt – Loudoun Vally – fall festival for preschool, community costumer party, and Halloween movie night.

Mark -Reston Community Center – currently reviewing winter and spring schedule of activities and programs.

Brandt Jeffers – City of Fairfax – working on camps for next year. Currently working on out of school programs and esports. Presenting at the next health and wellness resource group meeting on Nov 2nd.

Michelle – Arlington County -Just had a huge Trunk or Treat event at Lubber Run Center with over 1600 kids.

Paige Neely – Lucketts Community Center – Haunted playground event move inside due to rain had over 300 attended Loudoun parks and rec has partnered with Library services to have library book vending machines in a few of the recreation and community centers. Centers can also issue library cards.

Nick – Reston Community Center – new jobs coming soon Aquatics director and a community events director.

Amy Young – City of Falls Church – Watch Night event that has been directed for parks and rec department to take on. Lots of new staff.

Kelly Koernig– Town of Warrenton – Halloween Trunk or treat and other Halloween events.

Julie Kagler – Town of Herndon – pumpkin plunge event for families and teen event. Cindy Roeder, the current director retiring at end of year town is currently interviewing for new director. New position added recreation services manager.

Kat Fish - Prince William County – Janett Bartnik Deputy Director was presented the National Distinguished Professional Award at NRPA.