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|    | Amy Youngs                                       |    |
|    | Abby Kimble<br>Guest                             |    |
|    | Ashleigh Soloff<br>Outside your organization     |    |
|    | Bobby Clark (Guest)<br>Guest                     |    |
|    | Brad Epperley (Guest)<br>Guest                   |    |
|    | Chris Konyar (Guest)<br>Guest                    |    |
|    | Cindy Roeder (Guest)<br>Guest                    |    |
|  | Corey Jannicelli                                 |  |
|  | Cynthia Hoftiezer (Guest)<br>Guest               |  |
|  | Dan Merenick<br>Outside your organization        |  |
|  | <b>Dana Wedeles</b><br>Outside your organization |   |
|  | Debbie Heron (Guest)<br>Guest                    |  |
|  | Frederickson, Julie<br>Outside your organization |  |
|  | Ha Brock<br>Outside your organization            |  |
|  | J Carmen<br>Guest                                |  |
|  | Jones, LaTanja R.<br>Outside your organization   |  |

JM	Julie Miles Outside your organization	
K	Kat (Guest) Guest	
KT	Kate Trask (Guest) Guest	
KC	Katherine Caffrey Outside your organization	
RK	Korzen, Roberta Outside your organization	
LC	Laura Cutrona Outside your organization	
KM	MacCammon, Katherine Outside your organization	
BN	Nguyen, BeBe Outside your organization	
SO	Oberther, Sarah Outside your organization	
ES	Shumate, Emilie Outside your organization Organizer	
SH	Stacy Herbaugh Outside your organization	
BS	<b>Stratford, Britta</b> Outside your organization	

## Introductions

- Call for approval of the agenda
- VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA Wednesday September 9, 2020 10:00am Virtual
- Call to Order:
- Introductions/Round Room
- Review & Approval of Agenda - Amy Young approves, Emilie Shumate seconds
- Review & Approval of Minutes Amy Youngs approves, NOT SURE WHO SECONDED
  - A gentle reminder, once you have a motion, with a second, there needs to be a vote up or down by the eligible members.
- Treasurer's Report (Amy Youngs) – **did I miss these?**
- Budget updates- 2020 – **did I miss these?**
- Communications Report (Emilie Shumate)
  - Conference is all virtual October 5-8

- NSA social planning is underway stay tuned for dates
- Fall Workshop Nov. 17 10 am - 11:15 Teams – Leading During a Crisis, Paul Gilbert, Executive Director for NOVA Parks

#### Board Liaison Report/ VRPS Office update (Kat Fish)

- Jim Stutts in newsletter 7 people in transition board met last week to plans when Jim exits in January and figuring out where there will be gaps and started to develop a plan of action and benchmarks.
- Past presidents Foundation presidents and board members
- Social on NSA
- Conference – 90 people signed up so far
- Earn CEU, learn virtually, all sessions recorded as well
- Kat will confirm that CEUs are included in the conference fee
- Call for renewing VRPS membership and donating to the VRPS fund to help sustain VRPS
- Fellows award named after Jim. Looking to try to do something virtual celebration/video/slideshow to recognize Jim. Please send any ideas to Kat Fish as they are planning these efforts.
- VRPS Conference & Social (see communication notes)
- Chairman’s Report: (Julie Miles) / November Workshops
  - Our next workshop is Nov. 17 10 am - 11:15 Teams – Leading During a Crisis, Paul Gilbert, Executive Director for NOVA Parks
  - Community Partnerships – Officer Johnson and Benny Evans from the City of Alexandria – GoToWebinar
  - Melissa Nestor Asks what others are doing for refund policies for their aquatics and other parks and rec areas. Please share or email to Julie Miles.
- Committees and Resource Groups
  - Awards Committee - Katie MacCammon – Awards have going to be prerecorded slideshow live during the conference. Leslie Baurey is working on getting other service areas the awards to distribute the actual awards a week after the conference. Katie will pick up for NSA. Committee will schedule drop off with other service areas.
  - Aquatics Resource Group is planning meeting today. Topics include aquatics programming, have not met since the series of covid meetings.
  - Fitness Resource Group – Julie Frederickson
  - Music licensing for Online Group Fitness classes discussion. Thursday, September 9 @ 1pm.  
Julie.frederickson@fairfaxcounty.gov
  - **Special Events & Marketing Resource Group (SEMRG)** Stay connected with us! To make sure you don't miss out on important updates for quarterly meetings, socials and more - join our group SEMRG VRPS  
<<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SEMRGVRPS/>> on Facebook. For instructions on how to update your VRPS profile and join our e-Blast list, click here:  
<<https://www.vrps.com/specialty-resource-groups/special-events-and-marketing/>>. If you

have any questions or suggestions for SEMRG, contact Joy Johnson at [joy.johnson@jamescitycountyva.gov](mailto:joy.johnson@jamescitycountyva.gov)

- Sept 23, Senior Resource Group about re opening Seniors facilities. Check e Update

- Next Meeting- Tuesday November 17th at 10am (virtual)

### **ABC Workshop**

Led by ABC Agent, Devin Urban, Loudoun County handles just under 300 licensees, familiar with banquet licenses

Agent Judith Carmen, Special Agent VA ABC Compliance Unit. New to NOVA from Tidewater.

Brandon Worrell, Special Agent, former police officer in FL and DC. New to ABC agency

- Banquet license – Private function on money transfer (weddings, parties) Private – You know the individual is coming and there is a set list (not open to registrants)
- Special Event license – Nonprofit or Corporate conducted for a nonprofit You can choose to sell or have guests bring their own alcohol
- Banquet Special events – 2 types, Beer and wine, Mixed beverages
- Banquet license – Off premise event (people can take wine away from the event)
- Tasting license – 2 oz tastings of 4 products (if liquor 2 types of products) there has to be an education factor such as a class or educating about how wine is made

Stratford, Britta

How do you verify the nonprofit status?

[10:41 AM] Worrell, Brandon (Guest)

We have a list of several hundred verified nonprofits organizations.

[10:42 AM] Worrell, Brandon (Guest)

If we don't have the organization on the list, they have to submit proof that they are a duly 501c3 organization.

- Local governments should be considered a nonprofit but we still need to fill out the applications.
- The person applying for the license must be affiliated with the organization and be at the event, that being said a 3<sup>rd</sup> party cannot apply on the organizer's behalf.
- Currently in phase 3 in VA which means 250 people max is the event with social distancing guidelines in place
- Apply for your license ahead of time so that ABC has time to verify information such as catering contract, advertisement, venue contract etc.
- Tips – have sufficient staffing for your event, have a way to identify your of-age guests, wristbands, stamps. Card everyone even if they have lost one and need another. For larger events do a beer garden where all alcohol is consumed in one place so that it's easier for staff to watch guests to make sure they are consuming reasonably.

Partnerships for Breweries/Distilleries Agent Carmen works with breweries, wineries, and distributors

- Manufactures to sell to the whole sellers to well to the retailers
- Banquet Special Events are for no profits 501 C 3 that are running fundraisers
- Banquet licenses to manufactures
- Manufactures Beer/Wine Event Licenses to breweries and wineries doing tasting events. Only 8 events per calendar year. This allows them to offer complimentary ones or sell and educate on the brand. These cannot be issued on the same premise that a retail premise is held.
- Persons checking ID are preferred to be 21+
- Wineries can have "Winery Remotes" (if they are farm wineries, they can submit request to ABC to have remote winery locations)
- Distillery Remotes can only do this though a nonprofit conducting a fundraiser or if they partner with someone who has a manufactures license
- [abc.virginia.gov](http://abc.virginia.gov) – best place for people who have questions about any ABC licenses rather it be internal or external groups.
- At least 2 weeks in advance is preferred to apply for a license
- Or you can all with further inquiries on what type of license to get etc.
- How do you recommend containing alcohol at a waterpark or can guests walk around park with it?

#### **How can we produce a tasting event with a brewery?**

- A nonprofit would need to apply for the banquet/special event and can buy the beer from whole saler distributers and then the noprofit can invite the reps to assist with the pouring and talk about the brands. The nonprofit would charge the fees for admission and pours because they purchased the beer through the brewery.

Can there be one admission or could they purchase drink tickets. If admission includes pours, then it's a sale of alcoholic beverages?

- Another option is say you have a local brewery to use their brewery event licenses (they get 8 for year for 3 days per event). Cannot be a retailer. They can get their own licenses and sell their pours only one brewery at a time unless it's co-sponsored/co-applicants then they will share in all ABC violations.
- Nonprofit and winery can be together but it will be on the nonprofit to have their own license

#### **Wholesale/distilleries getting their own license?**

- VA distilleries can option manufacturer of distilled spirits licenses – educational events (8 per calendar years for events that last 1-3 consecutive days) They can sell and sample ONLY if the location does not hold a retail license. They can also have remote privileges, but sample is limited in size of the sample BUT a nonprofit still needs to obtain a banquet/special event distillery license unless they also get a manufacture's license.
- How do you recommend containing alcohol at a waterpark or can guests walk around park with it?

- Rope off with orange snow fencing, stations, barriers, enclosed areas, smaller beer garden.
- Are licenses needed for virtual events? Virtual wine stores in Mclean (they purchase wine on their own). The live Zoom event is free and the wine stores will provide the education. NO LISCENCE needed since they are buying from a wine store with an ABC license and consuming in their homes.
- Manufacturers cannot offer a service to a particular retailer. All retailers should be cognizant of the Tidewater rules. Sommelier should work for the winery and not be a manufacturer.
- Can a brewery permit and a nonprofit sponsored special event permit co-exist at an event?
- You can only have one licenses per address at an event.
- If you did charge for the event, would a license then be required? If you were offering an educational component on top of a virtual event? Devon will follow up.

### **What can we do?**

- Staffing, security guards or police officer on site to help regulate and set and enforce rules/guidelines.
- What are the liabilities when hosting a brewery tour – Speak to your Risk Management team. No ABC additional license is needed.

### ABC CONTACT INFO

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Meeting Adjourned