

Virginia Recreation and Parks Society  
Eastern Service Area Meeting

1/23/2019 10:00

Suffolk Parks and Recreation Admin office Conference Room

MINUTES

Attendance:

De'Mece Williams - Norfolk P&R	Matt Johnson- Newport News P&R
Regine Edwards- IOW P&R	Ed Mathews-Norfolk P&R
Rebecca Skinner- Suffolk P&R	Kendell Evans- Norfolk P&R
Emily Upton - Suffolk P&R	Elizabeth Linthicum- City of Hampton P&R
Mark Palamarchuck- Portsmouth P&R	Jessica Taylor- Suffolk P&R
Shawn O'Keefe- James City County P&R	Margoret Sullivan Rucka- Virginia Beach P&R
Kelly Harcum- IOW P&R	Julia Karasiewicz- Virginia Beach P&R
LaTanya Turner- IOW P&R	Roberto Ramos- Virginia Beach P & R
James Mikle- City of Norfolk P & R	

Handouts: Meeting Agenda

I. Call to order at 10:20 am

II. Welcome and Introductions:

Roberto Ramos welcomed everyone and introductions were made by each individual.

III. Approval of the Agenda:

DeMece Williams motioned for approval and it was 2nd by Julia Karasiewicz

IV. Old Business:

Disussed left-over funds.

V. New Business:

A. Goals for 2019:

Some feel that our goals should revolve around scholarship, students, memberships, and networking. It was suggested to have a visual welcome packet for new members with information about ESA.

B. Treasure Report:

There was an increase in memberships to 6 Students and 4 professionals.

Emily Upton will go out to the schools to promote memberships.  
Holiday Social will have an increase to \$700.  
Saying the same will be the conference social, annual conference, and silent auction.

**C. Summer Survival update: June 1st**

2018 Summer Survival had about 165 participants; looking to have 180 next year.  
Next year it will be held at Bayside Recreation center. Looking to only have 3 sessions with a cost of \$30 and shorter time. Lunch and T-shirt will still be included.  
The board has asked for Rob to go back to the summer survival committee and review the time & cost.

**D. Discussion of Fundraiser(s):**

Lunch & Learn Webinar, add an additional \$5 to CEU classes, 50/50 Raffle, Sports tournament such as softball, kickball or golf.

**E. CRP Bootcamp:**

Roberto Ramos will get with Mr. Hill for dates for the Spring class.

**F. Spring/ Winter Social:**

23 at winter social. 1st & 2nd week in December. Location is the key. Downtown Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth or Hampton was suggested. 4-6 pm was a good time. Should we move to spring end of April or May? Or do both?

**G. 2019 Scholarships**

There as an increase for scholarship's in the budget. High focused on students. Information will be pushed out Mid-March to schools.

**G. Committee Chair Assignments**

Membership Chair: Liz Linthicum was nominated by Margoret Sullivan Rucka

2nd by: Kendall Evans

Training & Education Chair: Kendall Evans nominated by James Mikle

2nd by: Dee Williams

Awards & Citation: James Mikle nominated by LaTanya Turner / Julia nominated Jessica for Co-Chair

2nd by: Ed Mathews

**VI. 2019 Eastern Service Area Meeting Dates**

April 10th Midtown Newport News

**VII. Announcements**

Arlana Fauntleroy is the VRPS liaison. Latanya Turner spoke on the Bill 80, and how it affects Recreation.

**VIII. Adjournment: 11:34 am**

Respectfully submitted by: RWE



