

VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA

April 6, 2021 - 10:00am

Microsoft Teams

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.

I. Call to Order- Call:

II. Introductions- typed into chat.

Will Sanchez Reston Community Center

Julie Miles, City of Alexandria

Ashley Fink

Lily Widman Town of Vienna

Roberta Korzen, Fairfax County Park Authority, Golf Marketing specialist

Nicole Falceto from Loudoun Co Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Andrew Carter - McLean Community Center

Karen Lussier, City of Fairfax

Cindy Roeder, Town of Herndon

Katie MacCammon - City of Fairfax

Emilie Shumate - Fairfax County

Sheri Conrad, Loudoun

Tommy Cureton- Town of Warrenton

Kat Fish – PWCDPRT

Emilie Shumate, Fairfax County Park Authority

Amy Youngs, City of Falls Church

Brianne Baglini, City of Fairfax

Kaveh Tajalli, City of Fairfax

Natalie Duncan

LaTanja Snelling

Jefferson Miller

Deborah Heron

III. Review & Approval of Agenda: Approved by Cindy Roeder, seconded by Emilie Shumate, group vote in chat to approve.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes: call for approval- Approved by Lily Widman, Seconded by Nicole Falceto

V. Review & Treasurer's Report: (Amy Youngs): \$135 in account, expected to raise when payments come in for webinar, rough estimate to be around \$200.

VI. Board Liaison Report: (Kat Fish):

- Nominations are out for VRPS board of directors- due by April 16th.

- Scholarships available for annual conference for Harrisonburg
(https://datadsgn.formstack.com/forms/2021_annual_conference_scholarship_application) - due date June 30
- In search of speakers for annual conference
- “Hot topic” CEU available sessions coming out soon- all virtual, summer dates.

VII. Resource & Specialty Group Reports:

- Aquatics- Ashley Fink: lifeguard recruitment seminar coming up- sponsored by National Pools of Roanoke, sponsorship tier put in place to help with costs of seminars.
- Awards Committee- Katie MacCammon: met with awards group, awards period January 31- December 31, early bird deadline (\$35) June 30, regular (\$45) July 1-July 31, same categories as previously used (<https://www.vrps.com/events/annual-conference/awards-at-vrps-annual-conference/>)
- Camp Coalition- Karen Lussier: Meetings every other month, chart tracking updates, most jurisdictions running in person camps this summer, registrations open or about to open in most jurisdictions, reach out if you would like to be added.
- Health and Wellness- No representative
- Park Operations- No representative
- Senior Programming- No representative
- Special Events and Marketing- Amy reporting out on behalf: April 21st 10am roundtable- Event offerings, virtual, hybrid, in person oh my, details to be released this week, looking for speakers who are willing to share their experiences.
- Therapeutic Recreation- No representative

VIII. Chairperson’s Report: (Amy Youngs)

- Work Plan Update- Looking for nominations- head shot & resume required, please reach out to Amy/board member for interest or questions: some board work needed in 2021/2022, work plan posted on website, next business meeting scheduled for June 8th.
- 2021 Meeting & Event Schedule- Meeting Themes-September 8th next fall meeting

IX. Old Business:

- Northern Service Area Member Open House: New or Young Member Open House on May 4th, invite those who might be interested, please RSVP to Emilie Shumate.

X. Subcommittees:

- Communications Update (Roberta Korzen)- planning the Open House- fun informal event for young/new members/interested potential members. VRPS Northern Service Area website has been updated with meetings and information.
- Social Committee Update (Roberta Korzen)- Hoping to run in person social on June 8th, waiting for approval from VRPS board.

XI. Next Meeting-

June 8, 2021

XII. Roundtable: Jurisdictions report out/share news

- **Alexandria**- outreach program to educate about vaccine, no private rentals allowed.
- **Arlington**- no representative
- **City of Fairfax**- 50-person max private rentals allowed- room capacities still in place, CAPRA reaccreditation in place, running summer camps, smaller special events allowed.
- **Manassas**- no representative
- **Culpepper**- no representative

- **Falls Church-** camps running again this summer, public school kids go back today, e-learning program has ended, Memorial Day ceremony planned.
- **Fauquier-** no representative
- **Fairfax County Park Authority-** camp registration started in February, camp registration numbers looking great, golf continues to thrive.
- **Herndon-** LTI; 2020* coming up this month, work started for 2022, is anyone going to shoot fireworks?
- **Leesburg** no representative
- **Loudoun-** summer camp planned for this summer- increase in number, afterschool registration started today, distance learning program ending when Loudoun kids go back, socially distanced events in full swing, re-organization approved by board- two director positions coming available soon, closing out master plan in the next month or two.
- **McLean-** no representative
- **NOVA parks-** no representative
- **Reston-** no representative
- **Reston Community Center-** registration for camps back in February
- **Stafford-** no representative
- **Vienna-** open for rentals, expanded hours for the first time since last year, bringing back in person events, Walk on the Hill garden tour at the end of April, supporting Viva Vienna on Memorial Day weekend (presented by Rotary, partners with City)-waiting for final approval from council, larger numbers expected to be allowed in at the time, hiring camp counselors, hiring Public Information officer
- **Warrenton-** hiring land and aquatic instructors, increase in reservations in pool and fitness rooms, Egg Hunt- laminated sheets to learn more about the town, hiring Recreation Facilities Manager, building/park rentals in full swing.
- **Prince William-** drive through hiring event- 90 cars come through for a variety of job positions, hosting second in mid-April, easy to fill positions quickly, full on for summer, staggering openings of aquatic facilities, working on certifying new lifeguards.

XIII. Adjourn: 10:55 adjourn