

**Virginia Recreation and Park Society
Central Service Area Meeting – March 31, 2021
via Zoom
Minutes**

Attendees: Jen O'Malley, Matt Spruill, Paul Wilmoth, Jessie Honaker, Tabitha Martinez, AJ McCage, Aaron Reidmiller, Tom Gates, Elbert Grinnell, Ben Fairbanks, Nil Patel, Brandon Ashe, Crystal Brown, Karen Robinson, Sherita Johnson, Melanie Ramos, Joe Stovall, Mike Ward, Sharon Entsminger, Chris Clarke, Jenny Casarotti, Sammy Walker, Kim Turner

Business Meeting

AJ called the meeting to order.

AJ introduced herself. Excited about meeting with CSA at our first official meeting.

Updates – see handout

VRPS Board updates – Aaron Reidmiller

Award submissions early deadline thru June. Please submit.

LTI coming up in April. Annual Conference in Oct – plans for it to be live in Harrisonburg

President has assigned action teams to help with transition. Improvements to marketing, promotions, and web content. Long-term planning for future VRPS leadership, another Executive Director, outside agency support.

Look at weekly e-updates – how to improve this publication.

VRPS is no longer hosting the VA Senior Games. Purchased by the organization that organizes the Commonwealth Games.

Deadlines coming up. See attachment.

Board elections for 2022 are coming. Tabitha will serve as Chair-Elect for 2021.

Minutes: 2019 minutes to be approved. Membership should be notified then can be approved at future meeting.

Roundtable introductions and sharing:

Chesterfield – All Abilities Fair to be held in April. Paul is serving on action committee – sent email regarding updating profile with VRPS.

Henrico – Fourth of July event will be held in some form.

New Kent – new park opening in July, before and after school virtual learning since Sept.

King George – Fourth of July event – bringing it back.

Richmond – Happy to be slowly starting up.

Colonial Heights – Matt serving as VRPS Vice President. Youth sports are starting back. HS teams are starting back, with HS football this spring. In charge of Office on Youth – happened during past year. Chili Peppers baseball team will be playing this spring – capacity of stadium to be determined.

Hopewell – Maintenance staff have been in full swing – not really seen COVID effect. Manning a call center for vaccine pod in city. Youth sports have started. Aaron serving on VRPS Board. Phase 2 of Hopewell Riverwalk extension – total over 3,000 ft long. Tabitha recently promoted to Manager. AJ pursuing grad program at Clemson.

Fredericksburg – summer camps and limited number of programs starting up.

Meeting adjourned.