

**Virginia Recreation and Park Society  
Central Service Area Meeting – June 10, 2021  
via Zoom  
Minutes**

Minutes are in draft form until approved at the Sept. 7, 2021 meeting.

Attendees: Paul Wilmoth, Jen O'Malley, Jessie Honaker, Jeannine McConnell, Mark Pinney, Sherita Johnson, AJ McCage, Ben Fairbanks, Sharon Entsminger, Chris Clarke, Deidre Davis, Melody Ramos, Shamiya Taylor-Bland, Joe Stovall

**Business Meeting**

AJ called the meeting to order.

AJ introduced herself. Roundtable introductions

Minutes: Unapproved minutes are posted on website. Moved and second to approve the minutes from the Dec. 2019 meeting. Voted for minutes to be approved.

Moved and second to approve the minutes from the March 2021 meeting. Voted for minutes to be approved.

VRPS Board updates

Award submissions early deadline thru June. Regular deadline is July 31. Please submit.

Annual Conference in Oct – plans for it to be live in Harrisonburg

Real Talk summer series dates coming up.

Deadlines coming up. See below.

Roundtable: Reopening updates from localities

- King George – everything open 100%. Camp capped at 30 due to facility size, not in a school. Campers wearing masks indoors, not outdoors.
- Richmond – operating 9 summer play sites (camps), modifying registration numbers. 8 am – 3 pm, with extended option to 5 pm. Camp is predominantly outside. City is pushing for campers to wear masks. Cut back on field trips. Some activities will come to them. June 28-Aug. 20 are camp dates.
- Henrico – Back at 100%. Farmers' Market opened last weekend. Juneteenth and July 4<sup>th</sup> events coming up at full capacity. Camps are different than in the past. Partnering with Police Athletic League
- Chesterfield – Full capacity in programs and recreation centers. Therapeutic programs operating with lower numbers to better serve population. Camps will be operating. Those in schools require wearing masks. Those in recreation centers, masks are optional. Fourth of July event is back to capacity and regular activities. Masks are optional for attendees.
- Colonial Heights – Completely open. Summer camps are in the park because they cannot go back into schools. 25 max. at each location.
- Hopewell – Camps in schools, will wear masks indoors. When community center construction is complete, then activities will be reopened to full capacity.

- Staff recruitment is a major issue for all localities and local businesses. Richmond onboards staff through a temporary assignment/agency.

Reminder to register for Annual Conference.

Chesterfield has been selected as a finalist for the national Gold Medal Awards program. Winners will be announced in Sept.

Question about fundraising efforts for this year. AJ did not set this as a goal for this year, not knowing how COVID would affect staff and participation.

Next meeting: Sept. 7, 10:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

### **VRPS Deadlines and Due Dates**

- **2021 Annual Conference Delegate Registration- Harrisonburg VA**
  - October 24<sup>th</sup> –October 26<sup>th</sup> / Live In-Person
  - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW LIVE
  - Register by 6/30/2021 to save!
  - Speaker Submissions for Annual Conference 2021. The deadline to submit your proposal is June 15, 2021.
- **2021 VRPS Awards Applications are open until July 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.**
- **2022 VRPS Board of Directors and Service Area/Resource Group Board Ballots are open!**
  - All ballots for 2022 Service Area and Resource Group boards as well as the VRPS Board of Directors will CLOSE 7/6.

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**WHO:** All Parks & Recreation Leaders and Professionals  
Entry Level, Mid-Level & Director/Executive Level

**WHEN:** May-September, 1:30-2:45 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Join us **EACH MONTH** for a 60-minute "REAL Talk" session, plus 15-minute Q&A! Full details on sessions including speaker information is noted on pg 2.

<b>MAY 18</b> "Climate Adaptation: Responsible Stormwater Management and Athletic Field Management"	<b>JUNE 8</b> "The Many Faces of Diversity"	<b>JULY 13</b> "Marketing for Seasonal Recruitment: Learn About How We Utilized Snapchat, Instagram and More to Recruit!"	<b>AUG 10</b> "TR, Inclusion, ADA, Oh My! What You Need to Know"	<b>SEPT 14</b> "The Trans Community Enjoys Recreation Too: Gender Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace (i.e. Public Facilities)"
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