

Virginia Recreation and Park Society

Central Service Area Meeting – August 22, 2019

Goochland

Minutes

Attendees: Nil Patel, Heather Clement, Jen O'Malley, CJ Daniel, Tiffani Davis, Jessica Kronberg, Matt Spruill, Bill Mitchell, Jillian Franklin, Tabitha Martinez, Paul Wilmoth, Sharon Entsminger

Business Meeting

Nil called the meeting to order.

Welcome. Tour of facility will be conducted after the meeting.

Minutes: Review of minutes from April 25 meeting: Changes made to Roundtable report from Richmond. Minutes approved with amendment.

Review of CSA budget: Expecting about \$1,200 from Pickleball Tournament. Workshop is on track for November and will also generate revenue.

Review of CSA goals: Still trying to get members to attend meetings. Nil has reached out to VRPS for list of CSA members so that we can reach out to individuals personally.

Goal of hosting a workshop is progressing. Will take place in November.

Pickleball tournament goal – to raise more revenue.

Social for members – possibly use the December meeting for a different type of social. Nil will take the lead in planning for this. Looking for a central location. Keeping the date of Thursday, Dec. 12. Meeting time will likely change to late afternoon with social event to follow. Discussion on possibly increasing the social line item of the budget for a social this December, with the anticipation of increased revenue from the Pickleball Tournament and Workshop.

CSA Group Meeting

Chair's report:

Senior Games – on par with a non-qualifying year. Last year for Henrico as host.

Annual Conference – coming up in Tyson's Corner in Sept. No formal CSA social during conference.

Pickleball Tournament – need volunteers. Sept. 21 in Chesterfield. Sharon will consult with Aaron about set-up and extra tents, and volunteer sign-up sheet for CSA members. Possibly identify those working with a shirt or other identification. Biggest fundraiser for CSA.

Workshop – Food sponsor secured – Carousel Signs. Workshop is set for Nov. 6, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (approx.) at Meadow Event Park. Includes tour of facility and three sessions total. Topic is special events. Speakers confirmed? Ask Mark Pinney. CEU forms to be completed and submitted. Cost approx. \$30 to \$65, regular and late registration. Flyer to be distributed soon.

December CSA meeting – Thursday, Dec. 12 to be a late day meeting with an evening social. Location TBA.

Welcome and introductions. (More members joined the meeting).

Treasurer's Report: no activity.

Committees and Liaisons:

- Parks Operations Group – working on VRPS conference for Tuesday sessions specifically geared to parks maintenance staff. Trying to get more involvement from Northern, Western and Southwestern service areas. Database available with members specialties.
- Special Events – met in June. Topic was accessibility at events.
- Seniors – Annual workshop is Oct. 18 at Stonebridge Recreation Center in Chesterfield.
- CSA elections – Tabitha Martinez from Hopewell is Chair-Elect for 2020.
- VRPS Board Liaison – Matt Spruill reported. Working on conference. Three CSA members have served as VRPS President over the last few years. Dan Smith of Hanover was elected VRPS President for 2020. Membership discussions with Northern Service Area.

Roundtable Discussions:

Chesterfield – New employees in Athletics: Brandon Ashe at River City Sportplex, Lynn Hall as Athletics Specialist. New event: Community Cup, Sept. 14 at River City Sportsplex with first responders and multi-cultural communities to play soccer and hold a festival. Hoping for 500-1,000.

Sports Tourism – fall months are full with scheduled events

Fall Program Guide is out and registration has started for fall programs.

Recruiting for gym supervisors during winter months.

Henrico – broke ground on new pickleball courts, will open in fall. Jazz in the Park event on Labor Day weekend at Dorey Park with fireworks. Fourth of July rained out. Lots of logistics to handle even with the cancellation.

Summer camps went fine. 300 staff. Recreation staff have two focus teams – Programs and Facilities. Soccer fields are converting to multi-use fields at Deep Run: soccer, cricket and other sports, to be completed in November. BMX course to be added to Deep Run as well.

Goochland – Lots of new staff. Tiffani Davis is new recreation coordinator. Adding Tourism to department. Angelia Miller, new specialist has started. New supervisor has started. Another recreation coordinator starting in a few weeks. Programs going well for seniors, pickleball, tai chi.

Colonial Heights – Coastal Plains league team to play at Shepherd Stadium this fall. Construction to add beer garden and other improvements to stadium. Finished tennis courts/pickleball courts at high school. Renovation of middle school courts to pickleball still under bid. White Bank Park getting pre-fab restroom and \$300,000 playground. That equipment will be moved to Shepherd Stadium.

New events: Classic Car show at Fort Clifton. Fall Carnival also moving to Fort Clifton. Alcohol sold at Fort Clifton craft show in May – no issues.

Shooting at community center two weeks ago and a brawl this past weekend. Rentals will now end at 9 p.m. Events were teenage dances. Adjustments will be made to rental policies. Staff had not been present in building for rentals previously. Hiring for an athletics position. Senior transportation vans breaking down on road. Increased participation. Working on this. Senior programs have increased and are full.

Hopewell – Dixie World Series Champions team – community celebration was held. New employee starting with recreation programming. Park renovations – four in last two years. Filming in the city for *Monument* – TV series. Fall festival, 5K, and lots of other fall events coming up.

Fredericksburg – Starting fall sports. New roller hockey rink. New baseball stadium coming. Fredericksburg Slide coming Aug. 31. Restroom facility going in. Grant for new playground at Mayfield Park. Fall special events planned.

Meeting adjourned.

Tour of facility was conducted by Jessica Kronberg, Goochland.