

VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA

May 18th , 1-3pm

The Lodge at Hanson Park
Hal & Berni Hanson Regional Park

MINUTES

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.

- **Attendees** -15
- **Welcome**
 - Reviewed April Meeting notes.
- **Board Introductions** – Roberta Korzen – Chair, Sarah Oberther – Communications Chair, Brian Gannon- Co-chair, Julie Kagler – Recorder, Derrick Cowles – Treasurer, Karen Lussier – Board Liaison. Katie MacCammon – Awards Committee
- **Board Liaison Report** – Karen Lussier -Roberta Korzen reported on her behalf. The search for a new executive director has begun.
- **Resource & Specialty Group Reports:**
 - **Resource Groups**
 - Aquatics – next meeting June 14th 1:30pm via Zoom.
 - Park Operations – no updates
 - Senior Programming Meeting -2023 SRG Member meetings will be held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:30pm. June 8th Cardio Drumming in Chesterfield, VA.
 - Special Events and Marketing – future meetings dates, July 12 via zoom. Contact Patrick.Aragon@loudoun.gov for more information.
 - Therapeutic Recreation – June 1, 2:00pm – 2:30pm email tracy.newsom@jamescitycountyva.gov.
 - Health and Wellness – I Play Too is a movement dedicated to Recreation Professionals' mental well-being. Its goal is to provide a platform for professionals that supports and welcomes space to focus on individual and mental well-being. Thursday June 8 at 10am. Contact Julie.fredrickson@fairfaxcounty.gov for an invite.
 - YoPro Update – had first meeting on May 15th good turnout have a board of 6 members. Currently in the process of submitting official documents to be recognized within VRPS.
 - **Specialty Group**
 - Camp Coalition – had first in person meeting since pre pandemic on May 10th. Great turnout. Great roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. Meet for about 1.5 hours.
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- **Chairperson's Report: Roberta Korzen**

– Scholarship information coming soon. Thanks to Brian Gannon for his work on the process of the scholarship.

- The conference committee is in the works of possibly changing how service areas and resource groups get together at conference. Voting to see if want to do one big open house for all service areas and resource groups.

- **Communications Chair Report: Sarah Oberther**

- Dave and Busters Happy Hour and Social had a good turn out and lots of fun. Hoping to have more of these in the future.
- October 5th - Old Town Hall & Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer house, Fairfax.
 - Business Meeting 10- 11:30am
 - Workshop – 11:15 -1 2:30pm
 - Lunch
 - Workshop – 1:15 – 2:30pm.
 - Trends & Data – Nicole Falceto

- **Review & Treasurer's Report – Derrick Cowles** - Roberta Korzen reported out our budget is looking good for 2023.

- **Subcommittees: Sponsorship Committee** – thanks again to Chezia Galloway for getting Potbelly's to sponsor April 18th lunch. Looking for more sponsors

Around the Room

- Roberta Korzen – Park Authority finalizing CAPRA accreditation. Earth Day at Sully went well despite weather issues, Skate the Wake cancelled due to weather but planning to reschedule. Currently working on July 4th Events
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- Sarah Oberther – Colvin Run Mill – May 20th Engineering Now and Then event. Plant and Garden Sale May 20th. Sully Historic Site – Car Show Father's Day Weekend. Came in at # 2 on USA Today Best Splash Pads in the Nation <https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-splash-pad-2023/> Farmers Markets back up and running – some locations collection compost. Scotts Run is having issues with organized parties information being found on Instagram.
- Reston Community Center – getting ready for summer camps and summer activities.

Herndon Parks and Recreation – Bike To Work Day – May 19th expecting over 300 riders. Gearing up for Herndon Festival June 1- 4 – Carnival, food vendors, arts and craft show, business expo and live music. Getting ready for summer camps.

- City of Fairfax – Rock the Block (May – October) – Beer in Burbs – June 3rd. Big excitement and discussion on new Throne Potties <https://www.thronelabs.co/> . Summer camps full working on getting teen up in numbers,

- Town of Warrenton – finalizing budget on June 13th hopes to add a new Fitness Supervisor position. Special events coordinator job opening. Acquiring a new park 9.7-acre parcel – current horse show grounds. The 2 major horse shows would remain, but the town would take over maintenance and parks and recreation could utilize the space for programming.

- Ramier Martin - AD for Loudoun PRCS. – highlighting the newly renovated Douglass Community Center where PRCS will have more facility space all day gymnasium and auditorium usage. Also highlighting new 1.8mil playground opening May 31st has and African American theme history of facility.

- Steve Torphy – Director of Loudoun PRCS – board approved large housing and business parcel will be a vertical build 30-year buildout. Topping off ceremony for Ashburn Recreation and Community Center. New west park project – park design to capture stormwater and wetlands mitigation.

- Jay Allred – Recreation Division Manger PRCS – successful hiring for Aquatics at 97%. Ashburn Recreation and Community Center – target for completion is summer 2025. Looking to hire the 3 managers January 2024 to work with other recreation centers.

- Paige Neely – Lucketts Community Center – Pickleball demonstration successful having another one soon. 80s Family Fun Run. Successful Spring Tea Event. Preschool ending and gearing up for summer camps. Senior Trips to wineries, breweries, and downtown Fredrick.

- Patrick Aragon – Sport PRCS – fields are keeping busy, Food Truck Festival despite rain had a great turnout, hosting two large tournaments USA Youth Soccer Eastern Nationals and USA Softball Easter Nations.

- Reston Association – Farmers Market at Lake Ann. Dealing with aging community centers. Maintaining 55 miles of asphalt trails. Pickleball issues with noise. Camps at 100 % full. Hopefully plans for ADA park at Lake Newport.

