

VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA

February 7th, 2023 – 1:00pm

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

- **Attendees** -60
- **Jam Board/Introductions** -
- **Call to Order** – No more Roberts Rules
- **Introductions 2023 Board** – Chair – Roberta Korzen, Chair-Elect – Brian Gannon, Sarah Oberther – Communications Chair, Derrick Cowles – Treasurer, Julie Kagler – Recorder, Karen Lussier – VRPS Board Liaison
- **Board Liaison Report**
- New Year – New President – Kat Fish (NSA). Ended strong for 2022 hired a new executive director – Sue Black. Looking strong financially and in membership. VRPS Magazine deadline was Feb 5th but have some leeway. If you have an article for the magazine, please send to me by this Friday 2/10. ahendrix@viennava.gov (Amy-Jo Hendrix)
- NSA Budget has been approved for 2023. Management Conference coming up next week spaces still available. Open to new ideas and looking at adding more focus groups (camps, programmers, young professional etc.).
- **Resource & Specialty Group Reports:**
- Aquatics – Virtual Meeting at 1:30pm on Feb 8th – contact Allen Dunn - dunna@pwcs.edu
- Awards Committee – Early conference – dates for Awards will be due earlier this year. Awards are for things that happened from January – December 2022. Early Submission for discount due April 14th. Final due date May 12
- NEW AWARD: Best New Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative
- This award will highlight the impact on access of local parks and recreation experience for everyone in the community, including racial/ethnic minorities, LGBTQ community, New Americans, individuals with disabilities, and older adults, among others.
- Health and Wellness – Feb 9th – 10am – julie.frederickson@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Park Operations – no update
- Senior Programming – Meeting Feb 9th at 2:30pm Virtual – Topic self-care contact Kim graves – gravesk@chesterfield.gov
- Special Events and Marketing – restarting – if anyone is interested email michael.clark@roanokeva.gov
- Therapeutic – no update
- YPN- Katie MacCammon and Derrick Cowles working with AJ McGee and Emmy to get YPN started for Under 35 and within 7 years of starting career. Looking for people to be apart of the Leadership Team as well. Survey to get more information. Please complete.

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- **Review & Treasurer's Report**
 - Breaking even over course of year. Expenses are related to meetings and socials plus funding VRPS socials and scholarship funds. Offered VRPS membership scholarship through NSA for the first time this year – may reconsider number of awardees due to high response. Question about budget cycle: NSA/VRPS budget on a calendar year cycle. Question about goals: we want to provide funding to VRPS Foundation as much as possible.

- **Chairperson's Report** (Roberta Korzen)
 - Shout out to Katie MacCammon and Karen Lussier for awesome Winter Social at Sherwood Community Center. Family Feud hosted by Derrick Cowles.

 - NSA 2023 board have completed the 2023 workplan posted online at our website. Highlights for 2023 almost finalized all speakers and locations dates for the year. Working on getting CEUs lined up for workshops. We also will have a new member open house where you will here from some NSA vets, please email Roberta Korzen if your able to help with this.
 - Another focus this year is communication we have a new website and new email platform. We are tasked with rebuilding our NSA email list. If on the call and not a member, please consider signing up and paying your dues.

- **Communications' Chair Report** (Sarah Oberther)
 - Upcoming events on save the date flyer that is posted on our website. This will also be emailed to all of you. Looking for location for winter social on January 12, 2024. Locations and workshop topics were all based on survey results we have received from you.
 - Brand new website and email platform that we are learning on how to use.
 - Biggest thing we need from you is to update your membership profile and make sure your information is correct especially make sure your certifications are filled on and service area choose North.
 - We are also having issues with certain jurisdictions blocking VRPS emails so if you're not getting emails once a week, please check your junk or reach out to you IT department.

- **Review & Treasurer's Report:**
 - After each social and workshop, I will keep this updated. Winter social great turn out. Hoping everyone starts coming back to social and workshops. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to Derrick Cowles. You will notice we did have to increase budget for food because of influx.

- **Subcommittees:**
 - Social – no update currently
 - Sponsorship - no update just hoping to help get sponsors to cut down on food costs.

- **Pickleball Roundtable**
 - Presentation from Adam Wynn credentials PLA SLA and lead AP Senior Landscape Architect and Planner. Oversees several plans and studies including accent comprehensive pickleball

study. Earned bachelor's degree in landscape architect from Penn State. 20 years of experience working both public and private sectors across the US. Contents of report very comprehensive guidance for site selection and design standards. FCPA has added 46 pickleball courts with 14 of those being dedicated pickleball courts and the other shared with tennis.

- [Pickleball Study & Planning | Park Authority \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

- Q & A

- Frequent questions on scheduling from what Adam knows they are constantly busy. In study there is a survey about what time a day people play pickleball.
- Rule of thumb for distance at least 100 feet from residence for pickleball courts.
- Patrick Loudoun County 32 run by PRCS and 16 courts of high school grounds. Poplar 8:30am – 12pm. Picks up again around 4m 6pm unless courts have lights.
- Silicone strips to line indoor courts instead of tape – no answer for that.
- Amenities besides furnishing are mostly requested. Benches, shade, drinking water, and bathroom facilities.
- Is 100 feet based on buffer in between FCPA does not hard a set number right now just reviewed on case-by-case bases. Nothing nationwide organization yet designated. Sound proofing FCPA no Arlington is only one he knows of.
- Specs for new construction provided in the pickleball study link.
- Articles on pickleball noise complaints. <https://www.acousticalnoise.com/noise-control/why-are-your-pickleball-courts-receiving-complaints-from-neighbors/>
- Restricted pickleball hours due to complaints for noise. FCPA has not.
- Pickleball Academy – Triple A Loudoun County to help with accidents and to learn how to play,
- Arlington – distance has not been determined because its new and everchanging. Sound panels at dog park products they may look at for pickleball courts as well.
- Arlington pickleball classes. Alexandria working on vendor for youth pickleball camp currently has classes.
- Brandy Wyatt – Vienna – Council board discussion decision not made then went to vote. Have a very loud group of players and neighbors with major concerns. Recommendations made starting March 1st 3 ½ days a week have pickleball reservations and will report back to council in 3 months to see how it is going. Will report back to the group. Vienna courts are not being locked.
- Roll away nets causing issues on tennis courts. Going to try putting poly spots under wheels to see if that helps this summer.
- Code and Policy changes how are they handled. Patrick (Loudoun) gets to know her players and people in charge of groups. Also getting involve in different Facebook groups to get the information out to the public to handle policy changes.

- Thank you, Adam Wynn, for great discussion.

- Reminder to update your VRPS membership profile and complete the Jam Board Before we leave, please fill out this jam board to share upcoming activities and events in your organization!
https://jamboard.google.com/d/10xWmQqyo_TA2B16XaSFvMateXKclg4ygcSTutJTDB-k/edit?usp=sharing