

Virginia Recreation and Park Society

Central Service Area Meeting – June 4, 2024

Powhatan Parks and Recreation

42901 Anderson Highway- Suite B – Powhatan, VA

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Minutes

Attendees: Emmy Richards, Liz Shores, Jessie Honaker, Abigail Davis, Hailey Stokes, Charles Hester, Tabitha Martinez, Patty McGrath, Sureatha McGee, Angelia Jones, Joe Razzano, Tom Cocke, Alyssa Furgeson, Asher Perkins

Business Meeting

Meeting called to order.

Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. Moved and second to approve the minutes from the March 2024 meeting. Voting for minutes approved.

Networking:

Icebreaker activity

The attendees were led in a book themed ice breaker activity.

Board Reports:

A google doc has been created to share events going on in the CSA, as well as spotlight accomplishments.

Resource Group updates:

Seniors will be held on June 14th from 1-3 pm at Stonebridge.

Aquatics will be held in September in Norfolk

Special Events roundtable Zoom to be held on August 22nd at 10 am.

Park operations will be held on July 17th at 10 am

VYPN: Next meeting is Monday, July 15th at 2pm.

Therapeutic: Therapeutic Rec Summit on November 13th in Henrico.

Outdoors: Will be held on June 6th at 10:30 am about adaptive outdoor rec programs

Resource group information can be found on VRPS website under resource groups, mailing list, or email list. It is a good way to learn more about other departments. Most of the time they are free for in state, on zoom calls, or small fee for CEU eligible.

VRPS webinar through Sportable being held on June 12th from 1-2:30 pm.

CSA disability and inclusion 101 will be on zoom for free due to low enrollment with a small charge for CEUS.

Special events workshop on October 17th from 10 am – 2 pm at Henrico sports and events center. We will get to go in and learn about running special events.

Conference is in September in Norfolk. Early bird rate ends at the end of the month. Can register to be invoiced for new fiscal year. Presentation and award proposals are closed. Golf tournament at conference if you are interested in playing in that. Live auction items needed from each service area to offer.

September meeting to be held at Lake Anna on September 11th from 2-3:30pm.

CSA Deep Dives:

Marketing deep dive on August 29th

VRPS Updates:

Annual conference scholarships available June 30th there are a lot of scholarships available. If you have received a scholarship before you are still able to reapply.

The DEI Taskforce is sending out a survey soon.

VRPS member day at Kings Dominion in conjunction with I Play too. Can register yourself and bring three guests in August.

Board ballot comes out on Monday and will remain open for a month.

CSA shoutout: CSA has the most turnout for Play All Day VA. 43 agencies registered at the moment.

Roundtable discussion:

Play All Day VA:

Goochland: 8 – 10 programs being offered, karate outside, pickleball, picnic in the park, working with other businesses and sponsorships.

Ashland: Pool party with DJ from 4-7 pm free access, food, games, and a slide. Other small programs during the day.

Powhatan: Hosting a kid's zone at the farmer's market. Turned to local agencies to provide guest experiences, giant slip n slide, touch a car with police.

City of Hopewell: teen pool party, twilight playground adventure, park scavenger hunt

Richmond: Renovations in Richmond, 13 sites for camps, senior day in the park June 19th with band, food trucks, and entertainment games, June 22nd Juneteenth at Dock Street

Federal Food program

Additional items:

DEI taskforce has been meeting regularly for feedback for data to be analyzed and sent back, please be on the lookout for that.

Meeting adjourned.