

**Virginia Recreation and Park Society
Central Service Area Meeting – December 14,2022
Ashland Town Hall
121 Thompson Street
Ashland, VA 23005
Minutes**

Attendees: Nilay Patel, Rueben Turner, Dan Smith, Paul Wilmoth, Matt Sruill, Sharon Entsminger, Jacquelyn Wetter, Hannah Bell, Rover Underhill, Rebecca Johnson, Kameron Simms, Jessica Honaker, Marlie Creasey – Smith, Emmy Houck

Business Meeting

Marlie called the meeting to order.

Board Reports:

CSA Chair:

If interested in being a part of the board as an at large member, please let us know. Thank you to Emmy Houck for hosting the CSA meeting at Ashland and putting everything together.

Introductions of everyone in attendance

Review of current mission statement for CSA

CSA in the past has hosted different trainings that cost and come with CEUs

Networking activity:

Activity ran by Jessica Honaker

If interested in leading future networking activities let us know. Matt Spruill mentioned having a trivia activity like Kahoot for one of the meetings.

Minutes:

Minutes from the September meeting were shared and reviewed. Moved and second to approve the minutes from the September 2022 meeting. Voting for minutes approved.

2023 Budget Review:

Board came up with the 2023 budget and amendments to the budget can be made if needed.

VRPS Updates:

Matt Spruill shared that it has been an honor to serve as president this year. Very successful year this year and new stuff moving in to 2023 such as resource groups for outdoors, young professionals' network, child care/ summer camp group, and athletics. Therapeutic Recreation looking to restart as well. Email Matt if interested in starting a resource group. Resource groups are state wide. Meetings

help networking and getting people together more. Membership restructure for VRPS. Would be agency based to help other professionals be part of VRPS. Universities getting free memberships looking to reengage the students. Two new board of director members James Mickle and Michael Clark. Management Conference in Suffolk in February. Will have a couple of socials and two blocks of sessions throughout the days. Register soon for the conference. Memberclicks is going well the website was updated and has new features. Please go in an update your profiles.

Hannah Bell: special events is another resource group that is looking at restarting.

Tabitha Martinez: was unable to attend but passed on information that she is excited to work with us in 2023. Shared that there is a CSA Facebook page if interested in using. Kat Fish will take office on January 1, 2023.

Chair-Elect:

2023 planning schedule March, June, September, and December planning to be in person meetings. First meeting in March will be in Henrico County. Please get the word out to everyone to attend. Good opportunity for networking from different localities. Dates will come out in the next couple of weeks. Lunch will be provided for the meeting in March. June, September, and December we still need locations from different areas to be able to meet. Please reach out if you would like to host. Let people know about the meetings to get people involved.

Paul Wilmoth: some individuals do not know what service area they are in.

Marlie Creasey-Smith: the membership list sometimes does not have all the information

Matt Spruill: Looking at profiles on the websites because not everyone has their service area listed.

Marlie Creasy-Smith: Any feedback or suggestions on how we can get more people involved.

Paul Wilmoth: Having the directors get the word out and let people know to get involved could really help

Dan Smith: CSA directors meeting is happening and would be able to make that announcement at the meeting.

In the past we have looked at fundraisers for CSA. Would like to see more things going on to attend. Wants pickleball tournament in the spring to happen with 12 or more courts. Informal tournament to introduce the game for people to casually play and have fun. Goal is to generate a lot of funds. At VRPS conference talked workshop ideas. Have ideas that people were interested in. Paul had one recently that had around 24 people attend. Reaching out to see what we want to see and might have fresh ideas. Comes down to us to grow CSA. If you have ideas, there are several venues and a lot of knowledge to share. Would like to generate \$1,200 for 2023. Trainings are a big one to identify around the 1st of January to put together a schedule.

Paul Wilmoth: There are some trainings done through VRPS. Had a real talk series that was underattended and has so many great speakers.

Marlie Creasey-Smith: If interested in leading something please let Nilay know

Paul Wilmoth: Have a training in conjunction with a meeting. Create opportunities for others to join trainings such as YMCA.

Marlie Creasey- Smith: Thank you Rueben Turner for coming and engaging at this meeting. We welcome commissioners to join.

Secretary:

Please update your profiles. Website is updated and please send anyone interested to the CSA page for information.

Meeting Adjourned

More information will be given for the March meeting.