

Alabama Recreation and Parks Association
District V Minutes
June 5, 2003
Opelika, Alabama

Call To Order

This meeting was called to order by Larry Vann, District V chair.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Terry Nicholas.

Welcome

Bill Harrelson, Director of Opelika Parks and Recreation, welcomed everyone to Opelika Spring Villa Park.

Attendance

Cara Tidwell – Alexander City	April Lindsey – Alexander City
Summer Ammons – Prattville	Chad Dopson – Prattville
Stevie Creel – Prattville	Daffiney Dewberry – Childersburg
Todd Hughes – Phenix City	Sam Bailey – Opelika
Drew Peterson – Prattville	Brian Heitton – Talladega
Dorman Hughston – Talladega	David Caldwell – Dadeville
Barbara Kent – Opelika	Randy Tate – Alexander City
Richard Threatt – Sylacauga	Terry Nicholas – Sylacauga
Bill Little – Auburn	Selbie Bradley – Lanett
Bill Harrelson – Opelika	AJ Jones – Alexander City

Minutes

Motion to approve and second, all in favor. Todd Hughes/Dorman Hughston

Financial Report

Motion to approve and second, all in favor. Todd Hughes/Drew Peterson

The posting of beginning and ending balance will be on the district website. If you have any other inquiries, you may contact Larry Vann or Summer Ammons. Deposits - \$13837 – Expenses - \$10658.04 = Balance \$3178.96

The statement is attached and reads correctly as of May 31st.

Old Business

District V Golf Tournament: Meeting was held immediately following lunch. Report – 52 paid in full; 74 total attendee. We will pay outstanding invoices after tournament.

Creative Concepts Summit: 25% from the tournament will go to next year's Summit. We will save money by investing dollars back into the workshop. Thank you for all of the “thank yous” sent about Summit. We expect it to continue to grow. All comments received were positive.

New Business

Agenda Items for June 11 Board Meeting: All agenda items are posted on the website except for the ones received after 5:00 on Tuesday evening.

Item 1: Honor Buddy Jones for his commitment with a Honorary Membership. Unanimous.

Item 2: ARPA Web Site Development – A committee was formed in December to oversee this matter with Dan Smith as the ADHOC committee director. That's where this decision should be made. Drew Peterson commented and encouraged them to move forward on the decision. There are 2 businesses to choose from for this development. One is from Dadeville and the other from Troy. Pass.

Item 3: Proposed Revision of ARPA Education Workshop Guidelines – (Copy on website). There was a large discussion on the parameters of this idea.

Comments made: Larry Vann – it's like the big government theory. Bill Harrelson – Education committee too busy to have many meetings on the topic once a month. Terry Nicholas – The intent was to give standard guidelines or blueprints of how to carry out an ARPA workshop. However, it does not promote efficiency because one man (Paul) cannot oversee all of the workings by himself. This idea might deter agencies from doing workshops. All agreed. Larry also commented that other workshops have been very successful this year. Drew Peterson suggested that a pamphlet might be the best method maybe at state conference. At the education meeting (Terry, Dee, and Ricky in attendance) also are thinking of hosting a workshop on "How to host a workshop" at the state conference. Barbara Kent also had reservations on the idea of guidelines because of problems with deadlines. Larry Vann pointed out that this could lead to guidelines for hosting golf tournaments and all ARPA activities. Opposed.

Item 4: Proposed Revision of ARPA Awards Categories and Criteria – (Copy on website). It was suggested to just have 8 individuals on the board instead of 19 to represent each district.

Award changes suggested:

Change "Innovative Program" to event.

Change award to "Jim Spain Lifetime Achievement Award" to represent the support to ARPA. Keep it the highest honor.

Change "Outstanding New Professional" to "Professional of the Year" to increase credibility.

Limit "Lay Citizenship Awards" to one winner to increase credibility of the award.

Limit "Facility of the Year" to one winner for two categories – population over 15000 and under 15000.

Eliminate "Public Official Award" because it has not had a nomination in 2 years.

Continue to recognize "Retirees".

The awards committee just wants to add more credibility to all awards.

Item 5: Increasing registration fees – Bill Harrelson commented that Alabama is the lowest in the southeast region on registration fees at state conference. Barbara Kent commented that this is a steady source of income for the state organization and we should follow suit. Bill Harrelson proposed that we not make that decision today. Several were concerned about making a hasty decision and that it would be helpful to see figures. Larry Vann was concerned about timing. All wanted to gather more information before casting their vote. Larry also encouraged people to attend meeting.

Item 6: Purchase of updated phone system for new office – the question was should this be a board item? Bill explained that this might mean an amendment to our budget? It was discussed and became a concern about how many amendments would come before us before the building is built. Another question was are we micromanaging Paul? We did all agreed that the phone system should be installed and that it should be the latest in efficiency.

It was also decided that all ARPA Dis. V Golf Tournament proceeds go to the association, not just "Build A Dream". We discussed honoring individuals with donations to the organization in their name. Today we decided to give \$150 in memory of Percy King. We also voted unanimously to give \$500 to Children's Harbor for their support with Summit. Larry Vann made a motion; Mrs. Barbara Kent – second
A special thank you to District II for their donation of \$100 to the golf tournament.

There were several issues being discussed about our ARPA board. These included:

1. Should there be 19 individuals on the board or should we just have representatives from each district.
2. President Conkle should review the board make-up.
3. Name of ARPA – Why when we all call our profession "Parks and Recreation" by 95% of Alabama. And how much would this cost to change our marketing materials?

Donations:

EMIS Volleyball Tournament - \$100

Dis. II Golf Tournament - \$250

As a special tribute to our dear friend Brian, you can now earmark donations in honor of him and his family.

**Another topic of discussion is nominating an executive committee vice chair, who will become Dis. VI chair in December. Please be considering whom you would like to nominate.

****Next meeting will be held in Phenix City at 10 a.m.**

Affiliate News:

Alexander City: Swimming, youth softball, women's softball, facility rentals, day camp, senior trips and programs

Auburn: routine

Childersburg: Girls softball, new softball field completed, day camp

Dadeville: Baseball camp finished

Lanett: routine

Millbrook: no rep.

Montgomery: no rep.

Opelika: Start Smart, day camps, swimming, intersquad boys and girls softball and baseball games

Phenix City: Baseball, softball, soccer, Dis. V majors (1st time)

Prattville: 6 plays in town (Way Off Broadway), looking at new softball complex and renevation, girls softball, soccer, sub-district Dixie tournament.

Sylacauga: day camp, ADECA looked at building for senior center

Talladega: Baseball, swimming, and arts camp

Tallassee: no rep.

Valley: no rep.

Committee Reports:

Aging: Pat Scroggins – senior adult convention in September

Awards: Larry Vann – state issues

Build A Dream: Bill Harrelson – broke ground on building

Recreational Sports: Chad Dopson – state tournaments bids are due to Ken Ard by June 27th ; Sylacauga will host Dis. V diving and swimming

Finance: Barbara Kent – working on upcoming budget

Education: Terry Nicholas – discussed quality of Summit and state committee comments

Membership: Cara Tidwell – we are still waiting on a directory

Professional Development: April Poe – no report

Publications: Robyn Duncan – no report

Public Policy: Paul Hunt (ADECA) – not present

Therapeutics: David Scott – not present

**** Please note that the agenda will be on the website for you prior to our next meeting.**

Adjournment