

MINUTES
ARPA DISTRICT VI MEETING
HOSTED BY CHILDERSBURG PARKS AND RECREATION
MARCH 26, 2003
10:00 a.m.

This meeting was held in the gymnasium at the Childersburg Recreation Center. Thad Heacock, Director of Childersburg Parks and Recreation gave the welcome.

Attendees:

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Sherry Vickers		Sylacauga
Pamela Pearson		Sylacauga
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Bill Little	blittle@auburnalabama.org	Auburn
Dorman Hughston		Talladega
Todd Hughes	pcparksrec@aol.com	Phenix City
Phil Dunlap	tpdunlap@auburnalabama.org	Auburn
Robby Carter	rcarter@auburnalabama.org	Auburn
Cara Tidwell	ctidwell@webshoppe.net	Alex. City
David Caldwell	davidc@webshoppe.net	Dadeville
Thad Heacock	theacock@childersburg.org	Childersburg
Mickey Coleman		Tallasee
Pat M. Scroggins	pscroggins@webshoppe.net	Alex. City
Richard Threatt		Sylacauga
Larry Vann	lvann@webshoppe.net	Alex City

Minutes of December 6, 2002 Meeting

The summary of the last meeting pertained to the distribution of the District VI ARPA golf tournament. It was agreed to give 50% of the proceeds to BAD, 25% to the marketing committee, and 25% to the Creative Concepts Summit this year. Heacock/Coleman to accept the minutes. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Our chair, Larry Vann, presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated that the account had been closed in Sylacauga. We have received two checks from Sylacauga totaling \$3738, which will be our opening balance. On this note, district invoices will be mailed out ASAP. Annual dues of \$50 will need to be collected. It was also imperative to vote on a

new treasurer to replace Paul Hunt. Summer Ammons was voted in as our new treasurer at this meeting. Vickers/Hughes to accept treasurers report. Unanimous.

Old Business

a. District VI Golf Tournament

The District VI golf tournament flyer was inserted in the last Alabamian. This was excellent advertisement for our event. Our goal for this tournament is 50 teams. We already have 28. We also have \$7000 of cash sponsorships committed. \$2000 will be given away at the morning tournament and \$2000 will be given away at the evening tournament. We continue to need things for the silent auction. Please remind everyone that beverages and lunch will be included in the team fee. It is all of our jobs to *plug* this tournament.

b. Creative Concepts Summit

This event will take place from May 20th - 22nd. You received a proposed program at the meeting. The cost is \$135 and the deadline in May 9th to receive this price. We have \$14100 in the budget. It will take 75 people to break even on the event due to the exceptional speakers and supplies needed. The FISH philosophy was elaborated on by Ms. Barbara Kent. Larry talked about the extraordinary Ian Hill who will be with us at the Summit. If you would like to know more about Ian, you can visit the website address of www.thechangingpoint.com. Larry will be giving recommendations on readings by Ian later. The questions came up that if we don't get 75 people to participate in the Summit, would everyone agree to give our chair permissions to reallocate funds from the 25% dedicated to the marketing plan to the Summit. Peterson/Threatt. Unanimous

c. District Dues – covered in Treasurer's Report

New Business

a. Agenda Items for April 2nd Board Meeting

The topic of changing numbers for districts was brought up. It was discussed by everyone and decided that we had three choices to fix the problem. You can change District 8 to District 5, change District 6 to 5; 7 to 6; 8 to 7, or last analyze the boundaries of the districts and draw a conclusion from that. Drew was concerned about Dixie youth and their travels. It was decided that Larry and Drew would contact George Iliff and our ADHOC district representative Terry Nicholas to voice our opinion. During this debate another was introduced about membership. David Caldwell was very disturbed about not receiving any information confirming his payment or not confirming. He had turned the information in to his city back in November, so when we contacted him, he thought he had taken care of it. He stated that he was embarrassed and that there should be a way of the state office contacting him to confirm his status. Thad stated that he had sent in two new memberships that began working at the Childersburg campus and had not received any confirmation of that transaction, like acknowledgement to the new members. Bill Harrelson suggested that a letter or email would be sufficient until more staff is available in the state office. Everyone agreed that the members were not feeling value in their membership. Cara Tidwell stated that confirmation of memberships new and renewed needed to be sent to membership representatives and they can follow through with

acknowledgements if that could help the state office. Larry Vann stated how he felt that his membership was valued with NRPA and how important that was. However, everyone agreed that Paul Morton should not be bogged down with clerical work. Everyone realizes how important operational fees are going to be with the new office. Mickey Coleman stated the complications he had with contacts. He does not have Internet access just phone service. He said it would benefit him greatly if he had an athletic contact in the state office. He also has felt unappreciated by NRPA in the past and that's why he dropped his membership, so he stated how imperative it was to fix the problems with membership confirmation and appreciation. Last, Larry told everyone to contact your long range planning committee with your opinions. He encouraged everyone to complete a long-range plan survey.

b. Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 5th in Opelika at 10a.m. at Spring Villa Park.

c. Treasurer Election

This was voted on by ballot – Summer Ammons. Larry distributed requirements for the District VI checking account. They were recommendations from the state office. Roben Duncan made suggestions on how to get others within our district involved and represent our district on committees. It seems to be the same agencies volunteering for the work. Caldwell/Threatt to accept election results. Unanimous. Summer Ammons will be treasurer through Dec. 31, 2003.

d. Position Change on Recreational Sports Committee

Due to work commitments, David Caldwell requested to be changed from Chair to At-Large and Chad Dopson be named from At-Large to Chair. Peterson/Threatt. Unanimous

e. District VI Webpage

www.arpadistrict6.com has now been voted to becoming our website. Now our minutes and agendas will be online. We will have our district's events posted and everyone will be responsible for emailing Larry Vann their info. to be put on this web page. However, for the ones that do not have access to the website, we will mail you the information. We will be able to link from district to affiliate. The actual cost of the site is \$2000, but Becky Tucker Web Designs, an ARPA commercial member, waived \$1500. This is a contract for 5 years. The total amount to pay would be \$795.40. This price covers building and maintaining. The \$295.40 added to the \$500 covers the domain name. Harrelson/Caldwell. Unanimous

f. Checking Account Requirements

Heacock/Caldwell to accept checking requirements as a part of the District bylaws. Unanimous.

g. Dis. VI Scholarship Proposal

This proposal was to allow Terry Nicholas to investigate the possibility of having a District Scholarship. Caldwell/Heacock. Unanimous

Affiliate News

Alexander City: Pat Scroggins gave a handout to remind everyone of May 14th. This is the date for the Dis. VI Senior Appreciation Day.

Auburn: Robbie Carter reminded everyone of earth week and cityfest in Auburn coming up. Baseball and softball are running. Auburn also has two new employees on staff: Julie and Allison.

Childersburg: Thad Heacock stated that they are currently refurbishing baseball and softball fields, planning the Easter Egg Hunt, and overseeing day camp.

Dadeville: David Caldwell discussed baseball, softball, and day camp activities.

Lanett: No rep.

Millbrook: No rep.

Montgomery: No rep.

Opelika: Barbara Kent stated that they are now taking a proactive approach to parental behavior. They are educating everyone in the department, the parents, and the youth.

Opelika is also getting 2 fast pitch softball fields for the girls.

Phenix City: Todd Hughes discussed baseball, softball, soccer, and the youth wrestling programs they are currently involved in.

Prattville: Drew Peterson and Chad Dopson reported about their softball, baseball, soccer, and senior programs.

Sylacauga: Richard Threatt reported that they were busy with spring sports, day camp, and the Ice Cream Festival. Terry Nicholas will also be taking over as Sylacauga's new director.

Talladega: Dorman Houghston reported about baseball, swimming coming up, and he was proud that Talladega had help host games for the State Basketball tournament.

Tallassee: Mickey Coleman reported that they were in the process of rebuilding and completing a complex in Tallassee. They were also busy with baseball and softball.

Valley: No rep.

Committee Reports

Aging:

In their meeting on Jan. 29th the committee discussed an alternative site.

Awards:

Sherry Vickers was recognized for hosting a wonderful banquet on Dec. 10, 2002. Larry Vann stated that a meeting will be held in August to review criteria and prepare for the 2003 banquet which will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 9th at Camp ASCCA which is the night before the board meeting at the same location. On the state level, Carol Goforth, Conference Program Committee Chair will be asked to make the state banquet on the Monday of the conference to allow for more exposure for the recipients.

Build a Dream:

See attached report

Recreational Sports:

Chad Dopson reported on a well-ran District Basketball Tournament in Talladega. He also stated that Sylacauga and Alex City should also be proud of the State Basketball Tournaments they hosted. District swim schedules have been mailed out.

Finance

See above

Education

No Report

Membership

Cara Tidwell reported that our membership numbers are on track with a slight increase from last year.

Professional Development

No report

Publications

Roben Duncan stated that info for the Alabamian is due to her by May 2nd and the highlight will be Summer programs and events. Alex City questioned why their leisure lines weren't in the Alabamian and it was noted that Debra Hatley did receive the information on time and Roben wasn't sure why it wasn't included.

Public Policy

No report

Therapeutic Recreation

The ARPA Spring Camporee will be hosted by Alex City at Children's Harbor on April 25-27.

Motion to adjourn Bailey/Ammons. Unanimous.