

**Alabama Recreation and Parks Association
District V Minutes
September 10th, 2003
Phenix City, AL**

Call To Order:

Larry Vann, District V chair, called this meeting to order.

Welcome:

Ms. Lucy Burkett, director of Phenix City, welcomed everyone.

Attendance:

Cara Tidwell – Alex. City
David Caldwell – Dadeville
Terry Nicholas – Alex. City
Pat Scroggins – Alex. City
Sherry Vickers – Sylacauga
Jim Armstrong – Sylacauga
Bill Harrelson – Opelika
Barbara Kent – Opelika
Bill Little – Auburn
Robby Carter – Auburn
Natalie Norman – Montgomery
Stevie Creel – Prattville
Summer Ammons – Prattville
Chad Dopson – Prattville
Takisha Brown – Prattville
Denise Corley – Prattville
Drew Peterson – Prattville
Lucy Burkett – Phenix City
Todd Hughes – Phenix City
Shorty Gallaway – Phenix City
Larry Vann – Alex. City

Minutes:

Motion to approve and second, all in favor. Chad Dopson/Todd Hughes
Be sure to get your own copy of our minutes and upcoming agenda from our website.

Financial Report:

Motion to approve and second, all in favor. Terry Nicholas/Pat Scroggins
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. Account balance - \$10771.66

Old Business:

Naming of Vice-Chair: Natalie Norman and Drew Peterson were the two nominees. Drew Peterson is our new vice-chair. Congratulations! Our Vice-Chair will take over in December as District Chair.

District Awards: Larry suggested from the awards committee to make one change. Motion was made by Drew Peterson to rename “Innovative Program of the Year” to “Special Event of the Year”. Second – David Caldwell. David Caldwell, Bill Harrelson, Bill Little, Larry Vann, and Terry

Nicholas represent our awards committee. The committee will send out an e-mail that contains the criteria for the awards and you can then send in your nominations. The awards banquet will be held at Camp ASCCA on December 9th, 2003. The awards committee will be sending out information concerning fees.

New Business:

*Terry Nicholas introduced Jim Armstrong, who is Sylacauga's new Parks and Recreation Director. We all welcome you on board!

Agenda items for Board Meeting in Orange Beach: The list is attached. Our District voted unanimously to support the federal policy, the audit, and budget. You can receive a copy of the proposed budget at the board meeting. The budget will be addressed at the board meeting in detail. We would like a copy of the proposed budget on our website to view. The board is also looking at an accounting method to reduce any problems that might occur with record keeping. The finance committee will be aiding with this process and you can view them if you contact Barbara.

*Drew Peterson, director of Prattville, introduced new employees. Welcome.

*Terry Nicholas brought up the discussion and suggested that with all of the decisions being made at the board meetings, he would like to know how individuals vote from our district. He suggested that Larry call for a role call vote when the votes are not unanimous. As a district member, he would like to know if someone does not agree with district chair or other individuals from our district and votes differently. His point was - how is my district represented at the board meetings and are we divided in our stance.

Affiliate News:

Alexander City: Terry Nicholas reported about football, soccer, Oktoberfest on October 25th, seniors going to the Master's Games with Rook, and water aerobics.

Auburn: Bill Little reported about new soccer complex, tennis complex, ASA tournament, and budget proceedings.

Childersburg: No Rep.

Dadeville: David Caldwell reported about football, soccer, cheerleading, and Fall Festival on Oct. 30th.

Lanett: No Rep.

Millbrook: No Rep.

Montgomery: Natalie Norman reported about baseball, softball, Fall Festival on October 4th, new park in west Montgomery

Opelika: Bill Harrelson reported about softball, football, the hayride, and all other activities, but focused on the new program called "PAYS" – this is for parents of youth sports.

Phenix City: Todd Hughes reported on Tri-city Christmas Parade, Oct. 25th Parade for Heroes at Fort Benning, softball, and soccer.

Prattville: Drew Peterson reported about budget, renovation that has been approved, Friday Night Live, Afterschool program, Broadway plays, soccer, softball co-ed, Bass Tournament coming to town, and all of their normal activities.

Sylacauga: Jim Armstrong reported about new dome that will cover their pool, new senior building, and all activities.

Talladega: No Rep.

Tallassee: No Rep.

Valley: No Rep.

Committee Reports

Aging – Barbara Kent reported that Sandy Wilson was chair and the main thing in progress now was camp planning.

Awards – Larry Vann reported that state awards criteria will be posted on our website within the next 2 weeks.

Build A Dream – Bill Harrelson reported that the building is up and is around 50% finished. We will now focus on where fund – raiser money should go.

Recreational Sports – Chad Dopson reported about district soccer meets and the need to bid on girl's softball tournament (20 teams).

Finance – Barbara Kent had already discussed audit.

Education – Terry Nicholas had no report.

Membership – Larry Vann reported that we currently had 148 members and that we are in the running for the membership cup.

Professional Development – No rep.

Publications – Larry Vann reported that the September issue has been sent in. Nov. 7th is the deadline for the December issue, which is about ARPA history.

Public Policy – Dec. 1st is the application deadline for Alabama Power tree grants. (LWCF)

Therapeutics – No. Rep.

Policy Gov. – Long range planning, be member friendly by providing information. David Caldwell suggested that we provide a booklet on grants, trophies, plaques, vendors, or anything else that other people have used and been successful with to aid others trying to better themselves.

**Bill Harrelson discussed the COPP Golf Tournament on Oct. 14th. Larry Vann suggested to coordinate our tournament with the COPP tournament. Cara Tidwell made a motion to sponsor a hole in support. It was unanimous to give \$300 to COPP.

Adjournment