



AQUATICS RESOURCE GROUP
Executive Meeting of the Board
Wednesday, August 10th, 2022, 1:30-3:30p

AGENDA

Anticipated Attendees:

Ashley Fink, Aquatics Program Coordinator, Prince William County Public Schools
Molly Minch, Aquatics & Administration Coordinator, Winchester Parks & Recreation
Matt Johnson, Aquatics Operation Coordinator, Newport News
Matt McCall, Aquatics Director, Reston Community Center
Allen 'AJ' Dunn, Aquatics Manager, Prince William County Public Schools
~~Mike Young, Recreation Supervisor, SBDCRC & Waterworks Waterpark~~
Kerstin Severin, Aquatics Manager, Town of Herndon
Robert Manners, Aquatics Manager, City of Hampton
Michael Suggs, Aquatics Supervisor, Loudon County
~~Meredith Mockler, Recreation Specialist, City of Suffolk~~
Kat Fish, Prince William County Parks & Recreation & VRPS

1. Opening Items:

a. Check in

i. How are things going?

- 1. Kerstin is going to be struggling to find instructors**
- 2. Some experienced swim instructors would rather lifeguard.**
- 3. Most people seem *okay* with lifeguards, but others echoed issues finding instructors.**
- 4. Matt (Reston) having trouble find lifeguards because the instructors pay more.**
- 5. Molly is losing a lot of staff soon; trying to run a shallow water class soon.**

ii. Did anyone do anything for LG appreciation day?

- 1. Matt (Newport) did a staff appreciation day; pool was closed to the public with managers in the lifeguard chairs; float fit boards were out; everyone got a goody bag with snacks.**
- 2. Michael (Chinn) did an hour of games and training and then an hour of open swim; then a raffle and a spirit week in the days leading up, three prized of lifeguard swag.**

3. **Kerstin (Herndon) brought in snacks for the day and they're doing a staff BBQ on the last day for most of the college kids.**
4. **AJ and Ashley are doing kickball and watermelon eating contest this Friday.**

- b. Anyone to take notes?
- c. Meeting Notes – approve July meeting minutes
 - i. **Approved**
- d. Activity – I'm ____, but I'm in.

2. Discussion and action items:

- a. VRPS Update from Kat
 - i. **SOP have been standardized across the board**
 - ii. **Will help us streamline our operations**
 - iii. **Link in the e-update; Kat to send**
 - iv. **Major changes:**
 1. **No whole election process, it's an appointment process via letters of intent.**
 2. **30 days to discuss and pick individuals.**
 3. **Making the process less difficult will make it easier for people to step into roles.**
 4. **Nine board members down to seven.**
 5. **Terms of service have been moved from 3 years to 2 years.**
 - v. **Goal is to make people get more involved and make it easier to do so.**
- b. Update from Matt
 - i. Fall seminar
 1. **Kristina who works with YMCA had done a presentation for NRPA.**
 2. **The deadline for conference presentations has passed.**
 3. **Can do the presentation online (like what we did with Colin's Hope).**
 4. **She would be happy to do it anytime.**
 5. **Planning on doing it immediately following the September board meeting online (Zoom or Teams).**
 - ii. AFO class
 1. **If in Newport/Hampton, would need to take place in November or December.**
 2. **We would be able to get returning college guards home for winter break.**

- 3. Want to advertise as soon as possible so college kids know about it before they leave for school.**
- iii. ARG Social at the annual conference
 - 1. Looking for space at a nearby restaurant**
 - 2. Sunday, November 6th from 6-7pm.**
 - 3. Michael Suggs looking for space near the hotel or aquarium, will have options by 8/17.**
 - 4. All working on donation baskets by next meeting.**
 - 5. Kat said she would put together a wine basket.**
 - 6. What about using the raffle to fund the following year's social.**

3. Next Year:

- a. Start building our workplan
 - i. **Focus on having workshops similar to what we have had in the past (out of state presenter).**
 - ii. **Training opportunities**
 - iii. **Increasing revenue to have a budget for larger events.**
 - iv. **Everyone to come up with ideas for presenters for next year.**
 - v. **Implementing new SOPs provided by the VRPS board (everyone to take a look and provide feedback by next meeting).**