



EAST REGION

TRAPS East Region Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2019 11 am Meeting; Noon Networking Lunch
Angleton Recreation Center, 1601 N Valderas Street, Angleton, TX 77515

Lunch Sponsor- BuyBoard (Stephanie Ferreira)

- Call to Order (Megan Mainer)
- **Introduction of Lunch Sponsor:** Buy Board; Stephanie Ferreira
- Attendance (46)

Elizabeth Anderson-Conroe, Lauren Arnold- Conroe, Pat Aschenbeck-Angleton, Kyle Bartlett-Conroe, Jay Blodgett-Simplot Partners, Michelle Blunt-Pasadena, Lindsay Bowerman-Fun Abounds, Robin Brant-Lake Jackson, Jim Browne-BSW Architects, Kevin Browne-Missouri City. Mike Cantu-Conroe, Julie Diaz-Galveston County, Bryan Frazier-Brazoria County, Suzy Fredregill-New Earth Compost, Geri Gonzalez-Angleton, Bo Hahn-Galveston County, Rob Hamilton-Conroe, Clifford Hatch-Baytown, Scott Johnson-Baytown, Kyle Kelley-Baytown, Adam Lofters-Missouri City, Megan Mainer-Angleton, Jason Mangum-Missouri City. Kimberly McGlothorn-Angleton, John McGowan-The Woodlands Township, Angel Nicks- The Woodlands Township, David Ondrias-Kraftsman, Andy Peal-Sienna Plantation, Javier Pena-Conroe, Kelly Penewitt-Bay City, Scott Perry-Conroe, Jonathan Phillips-Angleton, Tracey Prothro-Baytown, Datin Rogers-Conroe, Jenna Stevenson-Baytown, Daniele Stewart-Missouri City, Lauren Stroud-Angleton, Julia Thompson-Missouri City, Wes Wagner-Conroe, Kerry Walsh-The Playwell Group, Elizabeth West-Conroe, Tricia Yurcak-Missouri City, Stephen Davis-Conroe, Shawn Blackburn-Bay City, Leigh Walden-Fun Abounds, Bryan O'Conner & Tim Duckworth-Gametime, Sarah McClure-American Red Cross.

- **Executive Committee Reports**
 - Director (Megan Mainer-Angleton)
Megan Mainer reported about the TRAPS Leadership retreat, gave a recap of the 2019 annual conference in El Paso, EAST region website update progress report, the regional meeting and event calendar for the remainder of 2019, and briefly discussed the various open committee positions and descriptions.
- **New Business**
 - Discussion held regarding the reimbursement of Maintenance Rodeo participants from the East region:
 - Rob Hamilton motioned to reimburse participating organizations \$100 per participant, Scott Perry seconded and motion carried.
 - Election/ of Secretary/Treasurer position:
 - Megan Mainer nominated Kevin Browne for position, Scott Perry motioned to accept nomination, Andy Peal seconded and motion carried.
 - Discussion regarding aligning regional committees with state committees and having regional chairs serve as vice-chairs on state committees with vacancies:
 - Megan Mainer motions to align regional committee with state committees and have regional chairs serve on state committees where appropriate and available, Kevin Browne seconds, motion carries.

- Discussion held about restructuring regional meetings to include breakout session for committees.
- Discussion for creation of TRAPS East Region LinkedIn page for professional networking opportunities.
- **Region & State Committee Reports**
 - **Golf:** Tour 18 was the site for the 2018 tournament and the region experienced higher participation levels, revenue and net profit from the tournament. The 2019 tournament will be held on Thursday November 14 at Tour 18.
 - **Legislative:** Sarah McClure reported for Chris Saddler reminding everyone about the ongoing legislative efforts regarding the sporting goods sales tax and encouraging continued involvement and advocacy.
 - **Maintenance Rodeo:** Bo Hahn will be stepping up to chair the 2019 Maintenance Rodeo efforts- more details to come.
 - **Media/Communications:** Sarah McClure reported about the East region website update timeline for training and reminded to everyone to LIKE the East region Facebook page and join the LinkedIn group.
 - **Membership:** Mike Cantu reported roughly 440 members active in the east region currently, Geri Gonzalez will be the new chair for membership.
 - **MILS:** Datin Rogers reported that the MILS branch met in El Paso and are looking to align more closely with the NRPA to increase participation and awareness.
 - **Regional Workshop:** Datin Rogers gave a summary for the 2019 TRAPS east region workshop in Conroe, including the amount of CEUs awarded, a brief budget breakdown, and some general notes about attendance at the later sessions. Discussion was held about the 2020 regional conference being moved to the Fall, being pushed back later in the Spring or refraining from being held due to TRAPS Institute being held in Galveston in 2020. Lake Jackson was mentioned as a possible location if the workshop ends up being held.
 - **Social:** Rob Hamilton reported on the East region social in El Paso, with 65-70 East region members attending. Elizabeth West will be the new social chair for 2019.
- **Affiliated Agency Reports:**
 - **GGCPRDA:** met prior to this meeting in Angleton, approved \$1,000 for Al Johnson scholarship fund. Member dues are due, and announced that membership or participation is open for all levels of professionals- not just Directors.
 - **NRPA:** Jason Mangum announced that NRPA scholarship and award deadline is March 31.
- **Announcements:**
 - Promote Community Health and Innovative Partnerships for Play Initiative- Bryan O'Conner and Tim Duckworth announced the dates and locations for 4 sessions across the state to support this initiative. The East region will be hosted by Missouri City on Thursday April 4 from 9 am- 2 pm.
 - New Territory has a Parks and Recreation Director position open, contact Michael Walker for more information

- The April meeting will be held at the Woodlands Township- they are opening a challenge ropes course on April 19, and TRAPS will have the opportunity to experience the ropes course at the meeting on April 18.
- Missouri City is hosting Archery level 1 and 2 certification trainings free of charge on April 9 & 10 at the Community Center. Contact Kevin Browne for more information or to register.
- **Approval of October 18, 2018 meeting minutes**
 - Rob Hamilton motions, Scott Perry seconds, motion carries.
- **Adjourn to lunch**
 - Scott Perry motions, Julie Diaz seconds, motion carries.