



TRAPS East Region Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2019 11 am Meeting; Noon Lunch and Learn
The Recreation Center at Rob Fleming Park
6464 Creekside Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77389

Lunch Sponsor - Vortex (Ryan Egan)

Attendance (52)

Kyle Kelley-Baytown, Rob Hamilton-Conroe, Jay Blodgett-Simplot, Julie Diaz, Galveston County, Tara Dahl-Campbell, League City, Andre Walker-Pearland, Megan Mainer-Angleton, Katrina Beecher-League City, Sara Barcenas-Conroe, Mike Cantu- Conroe, Scott Johnson-Baytown, Kevin Browne-Missouri City, Paul Cranford-Baytown, Susan White-West University Place, Darren McCarthy-Rosenberg, Jed Aplaca-Pasadena, Julia Thompson-Missouri City, Lauren Stroud-Angleton, Kerry Walsh-Playwell, Javier Pena-Conroe, Erica Peace-Galveston, Anthony Hagan-West University Place, Todd Garrett-Lone Star Recreation of Texas, Drew Dawson-Lone Star Recreation of Texas, Chris Saddler-Galveston, Mike Riggens-Conroe, Wes Wagner-Conroe, Rosalyn Epting-La Porte, Elizabeth Anderson-Conroe, Datin Rogers-Conroe, Megan Pierce-Galveston, Barbara Sanderson-Galveston, Jennifer Hill-The Woodlands Township, Caroline Johnson-The Woodlands Township, Jenni Hendrix-The Woodlands Township, Amber Barnes-The Woodlands Township, Pamela Woods-The Woodlands Township, Baze Gierisch-The Woodlands Township, Michael Corbett-The Woodlands Township, Trohn Trabona-The Woodlands Township, Angel Nicks-The Woodlands Township, Pat Aschenbeck-Angleton, Mario Rabago-Galveston, Josh Rodrigue-Jersey Village, Elizabeth West-Conroe, Tyler Wesley-Deer Park, Kenny Walsh-League City, Chris Nunes-The Woodlands Township, Kyle Livesay-Pearland, Kevin Carter-Pearland, Ryan Egan-Vortex, Clifford Hatch-Baytown.

- I. Call to Order (Megan Mainer) 11:20 am
- II. Introduction of Lunch Sponsor: Vortex-Ryan Egan
- III. Approval of March 21, 2019 minute meetings
 - a) Motion: Rob Hamilton, Second: Julie Diaz- motion carries.
- IV. **Executive Committee Reports**
 - a) Director (Megan Mainer-Angleton)

Megan Mainer reported about the TRAPS quarterly board meeting held in Georgetown. The Recreation branch is moving towards rebranding as the Recreation and Special Events branch. Discussed some of the strategic planning taking place and that the Board is hoping to roll out a number of new initiatives in Summer 2019.
 - b) State Board structure to allow regional chairs to serve as Vice-Chairs for state positions was adopted by the Board and that several positions remain open for anyone interested in filling a role in the region or at the state level.

- c) Discussed how the committee breakout sessions held prior to meeting went and how those times can be used to discuss items to be considered at future meetings by completing an agenda request form.
- d) Discussed updates to the regional website to allow for more information and interaction for visitors to the site.
- e) Agenda Item forms will be sent out electronically for discussion items for next meeting
- f) Secretary/Treasurer (Kevin Browne) reported that he will reach out to TRAPS headquarters to get updated financial statement for region to present at May meeting.

V. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding \$5000 annual commitment to State Office
 - Motion to continue annual \$500 commitment to State Office made by Rob Hamilton, Seconded by Susan White-motion carries.
- b) Discussion and possible action regarding \$5000 cosponsor for TRAPS State Institute Casino Night Social
 - Barbara Sanderson asked for any interested members to join monthly planning meetings for Institute. Rob Hamilton remarked upon the success of this Social at the prior Institute in Galveston and how much the vendors appreciated it. Motion to approve \$5000 to cosponsor the social in 2020 made by Julie Diaz, seconded by Rosalyn Epting- motion carries.
- c) Discussion and possible action regarding hiring a photographer for headshots at next meeting for all who would like to partake
 - Kevin Browne mentioned that the Young Professional branch provided this at the annual branch meeting in El Paso and it was a great success. Discussion was held about having this for the May meeting in Pasadena and that more information would be sent out once details were finalized.

VI. Region & State Committee Reports

- a) Athletics/Aquatics (Erica Pease)
 - 2019 GCAA Lifeguard MGMT Academy: Monday, May 20th at The University of Houston. Time: 5:00pm-10:00pm. Check-In begins at 4:00pm. Registration opens April 1st. Register at www.tppc.org
Fees: GCAA Members - \$30.00 | Non-Members - \$35.00. A shirt and food are included with the registration fee. The academy is for Lifeguards moving into a management position such as Head Guard, Lead Guard, Pool Manager, etc... Participants taking this course will receive information on basic pool chemistry and pump room operations, In-Service training ideas, learn how to lead peers, customer service and much more. The year we have included a water session. Participants will need to bring a swim suit, towel and dry change of clothes.
 - 2019 Super Guard – July 8th – College Station, TX

- 2019 GCAA Guard Games: Monday, July 22nd at Pirates Bay – Baytown, TX. Time: 8:00Am-3:00pm. Check-In begins at 8:00am. Registration opens June 3rd. Register at www.tppc.org
Fees: GCAA Members - \$50.00 per team | Non-Members - \$75.00 per team. Registration includes shirts and swag bags for 4-person team.
 - 2019 Games of Texas: Lifeguard Competition – July 29th – College Station, TX.
- b) Awards (Elizabeth Anderson) – stated that the committee wants to see more submissions and also wants to highlight winners at the regional meetings after the regional conference.
 - c) By-laws, nominations and elections (Julie Diaz) – Julie stated that she is currently reviewing the current by-laws so that the committee can make recommendations for any potential changes.
 - d) Commercial (Leigh Walden) – Megan reported that Leigh has reached out to many new vendors in the region and has secured lunch sponsors for the next two lunch and learn dates.
 - e) Education (Tara Dahl-Campbell) – stated that Kenny Walsh would be presenting on Customer Service training for part-time season staff immediately following the meeting and that she is looking for more presenters for future lunch and learn dates.
 - f) Finance & Development (Anthony Hagan) – committee is assessing current situation and looking for more members interested in getting involved.
 - g) Golf (Kenny Walsh) – 2019 Golf Tournament will be held on November 14 at Tour 18 and stated that planning meetings will start in May.
 - h) Legislative (Chris Saddler) – reported that the Texas House passed S.B. 26.
 - i) Leisure & Aging – no report, but the regional group met in March
 - j) Maintenance Rodeo (Bo Hahn) – Julie Diaz reported for Bo Hahn that the date for the regional maintenance rodeo was scheduled for November 5.
 - k) Media & Communications (Julie Thompson) – reminded everyone to like the region’s Facebook page and join the LinkedIn group. Also reported that Sara McClure would be sending out a form for city highlights so that we can highlight programs, events, staff and accomplishments on our social media pages.
 - l) Membership (Megan Mainer) - reported East region membership at 456 members, would like to set an annual goal to increase numbers, but especially students and new members, potentially creating a welcome packet or quarterly email highlighting new members and member birthdays.
 - m) Minorities in Leisure Services (Dadrin Rogers) – reported that he has been in contact with state branch about way to increase participation.
 - n) Park Operations (Jed Aplaca) – no report
 - o) Recreation Programming (Clifford Hatch) – reported that they are working on networking opportunities to share ideas, vendors and calendars of programs and events.
 - p) Regional Workshop (Megan Mainer) – discussion about still holding a regional workshop when the State Institute is held in the East region. No action taken.

- q) Scholarship Review (Elizabeth Anderson) – no report
- r) Social (Elizabeth West) – discussed eliminating Summer social due to low attendance
- s) Nomenclature (Rob Hamilton) – no report, but asked for any interested people to join committee
- t) Therapeutic Recreation - no report
- u) Young Professionals (Elizabeth West) – asked for contact list for East region members involved in branch, Kevin Browne stated he would send the updated list. Discussed a Young Professional regional networking social.

VII. Affiliated Agency Reports

- a) GGCPARDA (Darren McCarthy) – two more meetings are scheduled and called for more membership from the region- do not have to be a director to get involved.
- b) TAAF (Erica Pease) - Summer track regional to be held in La Porte on July 12 and 13. State meet will be held in College Station July 25-28.
- c) TPPC, NRPA, TML – no reports

VIII. Announcements

- a) Kompan event at St. Arnold's being held this afternoon with CEU opportunity
- b) Vendors interested in sponsoring lunch or presenting for a lunch and learn please contact Tara Dahl-Campbell and Leigh Walden.
- c) The Woodlands Township has two coordinator positions open – Special Events and Boat House.

IX. Adjourn to lunch

- a) Motion made by Kyle Kelley, seconded by Erica Pease - motion carries. Meeting ends at 11:57 am.