



EAST REGION

**TRAPS East Region Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2019 11 am Meeting
O'Dell Harrison Recreation Center
415 Delta St. Pasadena, TX 77506**

Lunch Sponsor - New Earth-Houston (Suzy Fredregill)

Attendance (52)

Jed Aplaca-Pasadena, Tara Barton-Baytown, Michelle Blunt-Pasadena, James Browne-Brinkley Sargent Wiginton, Kevin Browne-Missouri City, Tara Campbell-League City, Abel Carmona-Pasadena, Paul Cranford-Baytown, Tammy DeLosSantos-Pasadena, Geri Gonzalez-Angleton, Steve Janisch-The Playwell Group, Scott Johnson- Baytown, Kyle Kelley-Baytown, Megan Mainer-Angleton, Jason Mangum-Missouri City, Darren McCarthy-Rosenberg, Kimberly McGlothern-Angleton, Tim Miller-Pasadena, Lauren Mitchell-Verne Cox Multipurpose Recreation Center, Lou Ann Nolan-Madison Jobe Senior Activity Center, Julio Noriega-Pasadena, Scott Perry-Conroe, Jonathan Phillips-Angleton, Sandra Roberson-Pasadena, Trina Rodriguez-Pasadena, Datin Rogers-Conroe, Jesus Sanchez-Pasadena, Jenna Stevenson-Baytown, George Swor-Pasadena, Victoria Tanner-Pasadena, Donald Taylor-Pasadena, Julia Thompson-Missouri City, Sandra Varela-Pasadena, Wes Wagner-Conroe, Kenny Walsh-League City, Kenny Woolford-Pasadena, Scott Bradley-LaPorte, Lindsay French-LaPorte, Jacob Zuniga-Deer Park, Lauren Stroud-Angleton, Andrew Morgan-Angleton, Tracey Prothro-Baytown, Josh Rodrigue-Jersey Village, Dustin Schubert-League City, Bob Duke-League City, Lucy Turoff-Pasadena, David Ondrias-Kraftsman, Suzy Fredregill-New Earth, Elizabeth West-Conroe, (2 illegible representatives from Lone Star Recreation).

- I. Call to Order (Megan Mainer) 11:21 am**
- II. Introduction of Lunch Sponsor: New Earth-Houston (Suzy Fredregill)**
- III. Approval of April 18, 2019 minute meetings**
 - a) Kenny Walsh noted that the golf tournament date was incorrectly stated as November 19 in the April minutes, but the correct date is November 14.
 - b) Motion to accept amended minutes: Scott Perry, Second: Datin Rogers- motion carries.
- IV. Executive Committee Reports**
 - a) Director (Megan Mainer-Angleton)

Megan Mainer reported that the cost of attending the state conference will likely rise, but that lunch will be included for at least one day of the conference. Educational session submissions are being accepted, and reminded that the conference will take place in at the Moody Gardens in Galveston.
 - b) Agenda Item forms can now be submitted to the media committee and those forms are also available online for future agenda item considerations.

- c) Contact information for regional committee and state chairs is now online on the TRAPS website.
- d) At-Large representative Jacob Zuniga reported that he is rolling off as Chair of the Park Operations state branch and that Tim Speyrer will be taking over that role.
- e) Secretary/Treasurer (Kevin Browne) reported that he has emailed TRAPS for updated regional financial information and will follow up again this month.

V. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding fees for professional headshots if not completed outside on May 16- struck from agenda by Megan Mainer
- b) Discussion and possible regarding instituting TRAPS East Region Environmental Services Committee.
 - Tracey Prothro stated her support for the idea, Megan Mainer reported that Amber Barnes (not present) had also previously voiced her support. Discussion that the industry is moving towards environmental tourism. Josh Rodrigue and Jed Aplaca voice support for the initiative as it creates opportunities and could provide natural resource and environmental education. Tara Campbell volunteered to reach out about a potential lunch and learn for the region focused on environmental education. Discussion that this would be a way to get more local schools, universities and students involved with TRAPS. Scott Perry asked how many agencies have or are working on natural resource and environmental education classes or programming areas. Many representatives affirmed.
 - Scott Perry motions to establish committee and seek proper chair. Second-Kyle Kelley. Motion carries.
- c) Discussion and possible action regarding eliminating East region Summer Social and instituting and Young/New Professionals Social
 - Elizabeth West clarified that they are not seeking to eliminate, rather asking if we are planning to hold a summer social this year. Elizabeth West also stated that any YP social would be informal as to not be exclusive. Currently there are no plans for a summer social this year, some discussion held about a themed family dance, Baytown offered to host a summer social if there is a desire for one. Elizabeth West mentioned that the YP committee had discussed a “Field Day” social idea modeled after the North Region’s Directors Cup. No action taken.

VI. Region & State Committee Reports

- a) Athletics/Aquatics (Erica Pease)
 - Megan Mainer reported for Erica Pease the following: 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
 - 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) – no report.
 - c) Commercial (Leigh Walden) – Megan reported that Leigh has been engaging new vendors at trade shows for new sponsors.
 - d) Education (Tara Dahl-Campbell) – working on lunch and learn in July at Pitch 25 in Houston
 - e) Finance & Development (Anthony Hagan) – Megan asked that any action taken that has a financial impact on the region be reported to Anthony- they will work with committee chairs for budget and sponsorships.
 - f) Golf (Kenny Walsh) – no report.
 - g) Legislative (Chris Saddler) – no report.
 - h) Leisure & Aging – no report.
 - i) Maintenance Rodeo (Bo Hahn) – Megan reported for Bo starting his thanks to Lauren Arnold and Joe Perucci, and to contact Bo if interested in assisting with the Maintenance Rodeo.
 - j) Media & Communications (Julia Thompson) – reminded everyone to submit city highlights so that we can highlight programs, events, staff and accomplishments on our social media pages.
 - k) Membership (Geri Gonzalez) - no report, but will look at Environmental Services members for possible Chair
 - l) Minorities in Leisure Services (Datrin Rogers) – no report.
 - m) Park Operations (Jed Aplaca) – no report.
 - n) Recreation Programming (Clifford Hatch) – Julia Thompson reported that they are working on setting up a network for programming and events and to email her or Cliff for more information. They are working on a Facebook page for that network.
 - o) Regional Workshop (Datrin Rogers) – Datrin reported that he reached out to Dr. Lord for a statewide event calendar and were reviewing dates.
 - Motion to not hold regional workshop this year due to State Conference was made by Scott Bradley. Seconded by Datrin Rogers. Motion carries.
 - p) Scholarship Review (Elizabeth Anderson) – currently gathering information from the State office
 - q) Nomenclature/Standards/Practices (Rob Hamilton) – no report.
 - r) Therapeutic Recreation (Michelle Blunt) – announced an educational event on June 29 to be held at Morgan’s Wonderland and that Lauren Mitchell would be the new Vice Chair.
 - s) Young Professionals (Elizabeth West) – no report.

VII. Affiliated Agency Reports

- a) GGCPARDA (Darren McCarthy) – no meetings until October, new board to be elected at the October meeting.
- b) TAAF (Erica Pease) – no report.
- c) TPPC, NRPA, TML – no reports.
- d) NRPA (Jason Mangum) – reported that awards had been submitted and called for more nominations from our region for NRPA awards. The Woodlands was announced as a Gold Medal finalist.

VIII. Announcements

- a) Julia Thompson- Missouri City is interested in hosting a City vs City pickle ball tournament.
- b) Megan Mainer- Angleton has an administration position open.
- c) Jacob Zuniga- Deer Park has an open athletics crew leader position open.
- d) Josh Rodrigue-Jersey Village has an open Parks Foreman position.

IX. Upcoming Regional Activities - Executive Committee Meeting in June (Baytown) & August to outline goals and objectives

X. Adjourn to lunch provided by New Earth-Houston

- a) Motion made by Tracey Prothro, seconded by Scott Bradley - motion carries. Meeting ends at 12:11 pm.