



EAST REGION

TRAPS East Region Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2019 11 am Meeting

Pitch 25

2120 Walker St, Houston, TX 77003

Lunch Sponsor – Kraftsman

Attendance (68)

James Epperson, Jay Blodgett, Kevin Browne, Scott Johnson, Megan Mainer, Kyle Kelley, Rob Hamilton, Jed Aplaca, Jenna Stevenson, Jim Browne, Dustin Schubert, Javier Pena, Suzy Fredregill, Elizabeth Anderson, Wes Wagner, Megan Pierce, Elizabeth West, Brandon Torres, Lawanda Weiss, Tara Campbell, Chrystopher Bickham, Kevin Carter, Tracy Jewell, Tara Barton, Darren McCarthy, Chris Saddler, Julia Thompson, Jason Mangum, Courtney Campbell, Jonathan Phillips, Lisa Johnson, Cliff Hatch, Andrew Morgan, Amber Barnes, Anthony Hagan, Patricia Aschenbeck, Rose Estevez, Brooks Smith, Jeremy Wendt, Ryan Smith, David Ondrias, Barbara Sanderson, Mike True, Sydney P, John Parrot, Jorye C, Rick Burton, Raul Camarillo, P.A., Larry E, Chuck Daniel, Steve Janisch, Kerry Walsh, Josh Rodrigue, Zada Gascon, Lauren Stroud, Jason G, Ryan Egan, Tricia Yurcak, Jacob Zuniga, Adam Lofters, Michelle B, Dawd Pham, Emerson Yellen, Mallory Doyle, Robin Brant, Leigh Walden, Gilbert Fragosa.

I. Call to Order (Megan Mainer) 11:19 am

II. Introduction of Lunch Sponsor: Kraftsman (Mark Reynolds)

III. Approval of May 16, 2019 meeting minutes

- a) Motion to accept minutes: Rob Hamilton, Second: Megan Pierce - motion carries.

IV. Executive Committee Reports

a) Director (Megan Mainer-Angleton)

- Institute Planning Committee met last month in Galveston, Rob Hamilton gave a brief review of casino night social for Institute 2020 and called for members to solicit prizes for social. Barbara Sanderson reiterated Rob's request and reminded the region that educational session applications were still being accepted.
- Houston-Galveston Area Council has reached out to seek more collaborative efforts with the region in regards to projects, programs and awards. HGAC awards are currently available online.
- Recognized the newly created Environmental Services committee and urged them to establish their goals and objectives.
- Executive committee meeting will be held on August 22 in Pearland to establish goals, objectives and budget for next two years, as well as logistics for winter social and awards ceremony.

b) At-Large Representative (Jacob Zuniga-Deer Park)

- Will be following up with branch chairs to set goals and objectives as well as reaching out to regional members who have previously expressed a desire to get involved.
 - Gave a brief summary of TML legislative efforts regarding the sporting goods tax bill that will be voted on in the upcoming election.
- c) Secretary/Treasurer (Kevin Browne-Missouri City)
- Received incomplete budget data from TRAPS office, but is working with Anthony Hagan and the Finance committee to seek the most accurate and up to date financial information for the upcoming executive committee meeting.

V. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding one free TRAPS State Conference Registration for Golf Tournament Registration drawing
- Scott Johnson supported the idea as it incentivizes more registrations for the golf tournament and provides an opportunity to attend TRAPS Conference. Rob Hamilton motions, David Ondrias seconds. Motion Carries
- b) Discussion and possible action regarding Winter Social and Awards Recognition proposal from Lone Star Recreation
- Lone Star Recreation offered to sponsor the Winter Social/awards banquet at the Republic Country Club in Stafford, including food, drinks and entertainment. Discussion included questions about fees if family members were allowed to attend, the use of deposits, and the consideration of dates.
 - A motion was made by Rob Hamilton to allow the executive committee to make a determination. Elizabeth Anderson amended the motion to combine the social with the awards ceremony. Amended motion seconded by Robin Brant. Motion carries.
 - Original motion seconded by Anthony Hagan. Motion carries.
- c) Discussion and possible action regarding additional funding from the East Region to support passage of the Sporting Goods Sales Tax amendment on the November 2019 ballot
- Megan Mainer announced that the state executive committee approved \$5,000 in funding to support the passage and discussion was held about the East Region providing additional financial support.
 - Ryan Smith motioned for the East Region to fund \$1,000 to the support of the bill. Jason Mangum seconds. Motion carries.

VI. Region and State Committee Reports

- a) Athletics/Aquatics (Erica Pease) –
- Megan Mainer reported for Erica Pease the following: 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)
 - Contact if interested in joining awards committee.
- c) By-laws, elections and nominations (Ryan Smith)
 - Looking for 3-5 to serve on committee.
- d) Commercial (Leigh Walden)
 - Sending out surveys to commercial vendors.
- e) Education (Tara Dahl-Campbell)
 - Call for educational sessions for future lunch and learns.
- f) Environmental Services
 - Megan Mainer announced Tracey Prothro, City of Baytown, as Chair and Kelli Ondracek, City of Houston, Vice Chair
- g) Finance & Development (Anthony Hagan)
 - Looking for a vice chair to serve on committee.
- h) Golf (Kenny Walsh)
 - Megan Mainer reported that the golf committee is working to finalize vendor/sponsor packet.
- i) Legislative (Chris Saddler)
- j) Leisure & Aging
- k) Maintenance Rodeo (Bo Hahn)
 - Maintenance Rodeo set for November 5 in League City.
- l) Media & Communications (Julia Thompson)
 - reminded everyone to LIKE the East Region Facebook page
- m) Membership (Geri Gonzalez) –
 - Megan Mainer reported that the East region currently has 450 members, and TRAPS as a whole has 2,158.
- n) Minorities in Leisure Services (Datrin Rogers)
- o) Park Operations (Jed Aplaca)
- p) Recreation Programming & Special Events (Clifford Hatch)
 - The recreation and event programming Facebook page is LIVE this week, please LIKE. They are actively looking for people to develop a network of members.
- q) Regional Workshop (Datrin Rogers)
 - Megan Mainer mentioned that we need to begin looking at future locations, dates and committee members.
- r) Scholarship Review (Elizabeth Anderson)
- s) Nomenclature/Standards/Practices (Rob Hamilton)
- t) Social (Elizabeth West)
 - Will work with executive committee in August regarding the Winter social.
- u) Therapeutic Recreation (Michelle Blunt)

- There will be a TR workshop on July 28 in San Antonio, the committee is also reaching out to TR organizations that are not currently involved with TRAPS to get them involved.
- v) Young Professionals (Elizabeth West)
 - TRAPS YP Branch Facebook group has been established.

VII. Affiliated Agency Reports

- a) GGCPARDA (Darren McCarthy)
 - Next meeting October 17 in Missouri City
- b) TAAF (Erica Pease)
 - Tara Dahl Campbell reports that there will be a state meeting in Galveston, September 16-19.
- c) TPPC (Emerson Yellen)
 - Call for volunteers at guard games, reminder about state competition and the state conference in January in Austin.

VIII. Announcements

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

X. Adjourn to lunch provided by Kraftsman

- a) Motion made by Rob Hamilton, seconded by Ryan Smith. Motion carries. Meeting adjourns at 11:59 am.