

ARPA District III Minutes
September 3, 2008
Vestavia Hills, AL

In Attendance:

Brian Davis	Vestavia	Mark Lucas	Homewood
Alicia Lee	Alabaster	Berkley Squires	Homewood
Mike Sullivan	Homewood	Sarah Elizabeth Gaulden	Homewood
Nicholas Norman	Centerpoint	Jim Treest	Vestavia
Tonia Whatley	Bham CVB, Center Point	Rosa Kelly	Homewood
Melvin Miller	Birmingham		

- I. **Call to order** Brian Davis
- II. **Invocation** Brian Davis did the invocation.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** June minutes changes: Brian Davis is spelled incorrectly in the affiliate news. Also, the correction to Berkley Squires name. Tonia Whatley made a motion to approve the June minutes with changes. Mike Sullivan seconded. Minutes approved with changes.
- IV. **Treasurer Report** – no treasurer report
- V. **Chair’s Remarks-** Brian Davis
- Educational workshop in Homewood was successful and had 25 attendees.
 - Agenda Item #1: Ad Hoc Committee: Discussion was held on how ARPA defines “good standing”. Tonia Whatley disused the statement “full time professionals in Parks and Recreation” she would like to see it open to commercial and part time professionals.
 - Agenda Item #2: Long Range Planning- Mike Sullivan shared the new mission and vision statement of ARPA. He explained the reason for the changes were to make it more concise and applicable to our association and professionals.
 - Agenda Item #3- Proposed Budget- discussions was held concerning the 7% increase to the Executive Director’s salary. Would like to see the 6 month evaluation and the 1 year evaluation prior to the increase. Discussion was also held that 3-4% increases should be considered after reviewing the evaluations.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
- a) **Recreational Sports-** Nick Norman reported state bids are in. Dothan will host soccer, Winfield will host softball, Gadsden will host basketball and Cullman will host swimming and diving this year. Dates are listed in the manual.
- b) **Publicity and Publication-** Brian Davis reported the Alabamian deadline is October 1 for the December- February Alabamian.
- c) **Education-** Brian Davis stated that the workshop on “health and nutritional wellness programs” was well attended and thanked Brookwood Hospital for there \$1000 donation.

d) **Membership**- no report

e) **Therapeutics**- Alicia Lee reported the committee met two weeks ago. The 2008 Spring Camporee generated \$907.92. The 2009 TR Committee will be Bernadette Mack, Susie Montgomery- Vice Chair and Ginny Bastar- Secretary.

f) **Cultural Diversity Section**- Rosa Kelly reported that there are plans to have a fundraiser to raise money for the scholarship fund. The section will meet at Orange Beach.

g) **Public Policy**- Mark Lucas held discussion that he would like to see one district meeting designated to inviting our elected officials. Brian Davis said we would discuss this in March.

h) **Marketing**- Tonia Whatley passed out flyers for the COPP Golf Tournament. CVB will be sponsoring 4 hole in ones. District III will be a hole sponsor. She encouraged everyone to play and asked for interested volunteers.

i) **Fundraising**- no report

j) **Scholarship**- no report

k) **Professional Development**- Mike Sullivan stated the committee will meet on September 23 to review the LEAD applications and the 2009 Conference speaker information.

l) **Awards**- no report

M) **50 Committee**- no report

N) **Certification** – Mike Sullivan held discussion on “what do I get out of being certified” we talked about how we need to market that better within in our profession and association.

VII. **Old Business**- none reported

VIII. **New Business**-

Mark Lucas made a motion to give ARPA \$1500 towards the principle only on the building. Tonia Whatley seconded. Motion approved.

IX. **Affiliate News**-

Birmingham- Just finished a few big events- Labor Day Classic, UAB opener and high school games

Vestavia Hills- Hosting soccer tournaments, fall sports are going on and 5 softball tournaments at Liberty Park.

Centerpoint- new senior center is being built.

Homewood- no longer has a skate park, introduced Sarah Elizabeth Gaulden as their new employee.

Alabaster- Just held press conference for new Buck Creek Trail, Veteran’s Memorial Ceremony September 7 and Bark in the Park on October 4.

CVB- entertainment district is moving forward and hope to break ground in November. Alabama Sports Festival will be held in Birmingham for the next 5 years.

- X. **General Announcements-** Next meeting/awards banquet will be December 4.
- XI. **Pass the Hat-** no money collected
- XI. **Adjournment**