

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
ALABAMA RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION, INC  
JUNE 2009**

**Call to Order**

The last meeting of the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 in Montgomery, Alabama at the ARPA State Office. President Robin Brothers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Those attending were:

Mrs. Robin Brothers, President	Anniston
Mr. Tommie Agee, President Elect	Opelika
Mr. Ken Ard, First Vice President	Guntersville
Ms. Natalie Norman, Past President	Montgomery
Mr. Greg Conkle, Secretary	Fort Payne
Mr. Drew Peterson, Treasurer	Prattville
Ms. Tina Kitchens, District I	Florence
Ms. Nicole McKeever, District II	Cullman
Mr. Mike Sullivan, District III	Homewood
Ms. Angie Shockley, District IV	Anniston
Mr. Warren Bowron, District VI	Enterprise
Mr. David Thompson, District VII	Foley
Mr. Dan Smith, NRPA Professional Rep.	Troy
Mr. Keith Magee, Corporate Representative	Huntsville
Mrs. Lindsay Wright, Executive Director	Montgomery

Guest attending: Mr. Ken Gipson, Honorary Member      Huntsville

Mr. Warren Bowron presented the invocation. Executive Director Lindsay Wright gave the official welcome.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Natalie Norman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2009 minutes. Mr. Warren Bowron seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**President's Report:**

President Robin Brothers thanked Gadsden for hosting the State Basketball Tournament and encouraged everyone who can to attend Legislative Forum in DC. President's Activity Report:

Attended the ARPA State Basketball Tournament in Gadsden on March 14<sup>th</sup>

Attended the NRPA Legislative Forum in Washington DC March 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Attended the NRPA Southern Regional Meeting in Washington DC March 19<sup>th</sup>

Attended the NRPA Council of State Association Presidents Meeting in Washington DC March 19<sup>th</sup>

Attended the ARPA TR Spring Camporee in Anniston April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Attended the Recreational Sports Meeting and Work day at the state office April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Attended the League of Municipalities Trade Show in Montgomery May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Attended the Education Committee and Conference Education Committee Meeting May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Attended the District III Workshop in Gadsden May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Attended the District II meeting in Cullman June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Drew Peterson reported that we currently have \$48,284.21 in revenue after expenses. Mr. Tommie Agee made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Ms. Tina Kitchens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Executive Director Lindsay Wright stated that she has just started maternity leave. She will be available at any time via e-mail or phone and will return to work full-time on July 15, 2009.

**There were no agenda items.**

Past President Natalie Norman swore in Dan Smith as the N. R. P. A. Southern Region Professional Rep since he was unable to attend the official swearing in ceremony at the ARPA Annual Conference.

**District Reports are attached**

**Committee Reports:**

**Alabama Five-0:**

No Report

**Awards:**

No Report

**Certification:**

No Report

**Conference Site:**

Executive Director Lindsay Wright stated that 1 city (Tuscaloosa) has submitted a bid for the 2011 ARPA conference and that two other cities have expressed an interest (Florence, Huntsville).

**COPP:**

Past President Natalie Norman reported that the COPP Committee met at the State Office Tuesday, May 12. The COPP Golf Tournament will be held at Lagoon Park Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00 a.m. Parameters, rules, regulations, and sponsorships were set. Also set in motion, an annual fundraiser in the form of a draw down to be held at the 2010 Conference. The Board of Directors will be asked to assist in the sale of tickets. The next committee meeting will be held August 27<sup>th</sup> at the State Office.

**Education:**

President Robin Brothers stated that the committee met on May 5<sup>th</sup>. They decided to host the following:

July 15<sup>th</sup> – Intro to ARPA/Play Ground Safety Workshop at the State Office – this will be invitation only to cities/towns that are interested in parks and recreation that are not involved in ARPA. This is a need they discovered at the League of Municipalities. JA Dawson Associates will sponsor this workshop.

October 7<sup>th</sup> – Revenue Management Workshop at the State Office. Registration will be \$25.00. Format will be three one hour sessions and one hour roundtable discussion. Tentative schedule would be 10a-12p sessions, 12p-1p lunch, and 1p-3p sessions. Lunch will be included in registration.

April 2010 – Will have a “Rock Eagle” type event in state. The committee will meet later this year to plan this event.

Committee Goals for 2009 are:

Provide a minimum of four educational opportunities per year to be hosted at various locations statewide. Current progress – we have had conference, Alabama Five O Leader Workshop and there are two more educational opportunities scheduled through the state office. Several Districts have scheduled educational sessions.

Assist Membership Committee in coordinating a series of roundtable opportunities. Current Progress – A roundtable was held at the Alabama Five O Leadership workshop. We will have one at the Revenue Management Workshop. We hope to have a few more throughout the state and year. Please let Robin know if your district is interested in hosting a roundtable discussion.

Assist Conference Education Committee. Current Progress – We met with the Conference Education Committee on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please let Ken Ard know if you have any ideas/suggestions for speakers.

**Finance:**

Drew Peterson explained that he would like to get everyone’s wish list for the 2010 budget and hopes to have a rough draft by September.

**Long Range:**

No Report

**Marketing:**

No Report

**Membership:**

No Report

**Nomination:**

No Report

**Professional Development:**

The LEAD Program is coming up December 7 – 9.

**Public Policy:**

No Report

**Publications:**

No Report

**Recreational Sports:**

No Report

**Therapeutic Recreation:**

No Report

**NRPA Report:**

Mr. Dan Smith stated that he has been in touch with NRPA regarding issues related to the reduction of services.

**ARPA Citizen Rep:**

Keith Magee (No Report)

**Unfinished Business:**

Executive Director Lindsay Wright explained that we have received two quotes on our landscaping for the State Office.

1) Scapes Commercial Landscape Maintenance - \$4700.00

2) Sanders Lawn & Landscaping - \$4250.00

**Adjournment:**

Upon motion made by Tommie Agee and seconded by Drew Peterson the meet was adjourned.