

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

## ALABAMA RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION, INC.

March 2009

### Call to Order

The last meeting of the Alabama Recreation & Parks Association was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 in Montgomery, Alabama. 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
Ms. Natalie Norman, Past President	Montgomery
Mr. Ken Ard, First Vice President	Guntersville
Ms. Tina Kitchens, District I	Florence
Mrs. Nicole Ells, District II	Cullman
Mr. Mike Sullivan, District III	Homewood
Ms. Angie Shockley, District IV	Anniston
Mr. Sam Bailey, District V	Opelika
Mr. Warren Bowron, District VI	Enterprise
Mr. Keith Magee, Corporate Rep	Huntsville
Mrs. Lindsay Wright, Executive Director	Montgomery

### Guest attending:

Ms. Bernadette Burroughs	Anniston
Mrs. Barbara Kent	Opelika
Mr. Ken Gipson	Huntsville
Ms. Kelly Lyon	Dothan
Mr. Kenny Thompson	Dothan

Mr. Tommie Agee presented the invocation. Executive Director Lindsay Wright gave the official welcome.

### Swearing in Ceremony:

Past President Natalie Norman performed the oath of office for Angie Shockley, District IV Chair and Keith Magee, Corporate Representative.

### Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Warren Bowron made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2009 with one correction. The name change from Dennis Ellis to Denise Ellis. President Elect Tommie Agee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### President's Report:

President Robin Brothers reported attendance at Mark Lucas' Retirement Tea on February 3, Executive Committee Meeting on March 3, District VI meeting on March 4, met with Education, Recreational Sports and Publications Committee Chairs on March 3, and Marketing Committee Chair on March 10.

### Treasurer's Report:

Executive Director Lindsay Wright reported that as of February 2009 our YTD revenue was \$99,599.38 and our expenses YTD totaled \$60,877.73, leaving revenue after expenses of \$38,721.65. Ms. Tina Kitchens made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. President Elect Agee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director Lindsay Wright reported since conference she had been working on membership renewals, the Spring issue of The Alabamian, the Membership Directory, certification renewals, and NRPA's Legislative Forum. Also reported attendance at a Member Retention Educational Seminar in Prattville on February 13. The State Office hosted a Recreational Sports Committee Meeting on February 3, an Executive Committee Meeting on March 3, and State Committee meeting with Board Officers and Marketing Chair on March 10.

### Agenda Items

President Elect Tommie Agee made a motion to accept the agenda items as written. Ms. Tina Kitchens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item I: TR Sponsorship for Inclusion in Four State Conference**

Bernadette Burroughs, TR Committee Chair explained the funds requested will help sponsor the keynote speaker for the Inclusion Conference in June. In turn ARPA will be represented in the Four State information along with MRPA, LRPA and GRPA. Mr. Warren Bowron stated District VI would fund the request for \$300.00. Mrs. Tina Kitchens accepted this agenda item with District VI funding the request. Mr. Sam Bailey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item II: COPP Committee By-law Change**

Past President Natalie Norman explained the ARPA By-laws state that the COPP “serves as a source of advice and experience for the Board of Directors; and is responsible for the development, promotion, and implementation of the annual COPP Golf Tournament. The proposal is to amend the by-laws, in order to include additional fundraising events as an annual responsibility of the Council of Past Presidents Committee. Mr. Sam Bailey made a motion to accept this agenda item. President Elect Agee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**District Reports**

**District I:**

Ms. Tina Kitchens reported the District held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual District Workshop at the University of North Alabama with cooperation with the HPER Department. Eighteen ARPA District members and twenty students participated in the workshop.

**District II:**

Ms. Nicole Ells reported that the District II meeting was held at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am with approximately 25 people in attendance. The District II Bill Moore Memorial Golf Tournament will be on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at Gunter’s Landing Golf Course at 10am. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center.

**District III:**

Mr. Mike Sullivan reported District III met in Homewood on March 4, 2009. Twenty three members were present. The District will host a workshop for summer camp counselors and administrators at Academy Sports in Gadsden on May 27, 2009. Gregg Catalano will be the guest speaker. Next meeting will be June 2, 2009 at Legion Field in Birmingham.

**District IV:**

Ms. Angie Shockley reported District IV met in Southside on March 4, 2009. Thirteen members were present. A District Golf Tournament will be held March 25<sup>th</sup> at Cane Creek Golf Course in Anniston. The next District meeting is June 3, 2009 in Piedmont.

**District V:**

Mr. Sam Bailey reported District V met in Millbrook on March 4, 2009. A District Golf Tournament will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> at Lagoon Park. The District donated a \$100.00 to the state building fund. Presented Lindsay Wright with a gift certificate as a baby gift. The next District meeting is June 3, 2009 in Lanett.

**District VI:**

Mr. Warren Bowron reported the District met March 4, 2009 in Dothan. Thirty two members were present. Ms. Anne Rumble was presented an Honorary Lifetime Membership Award. The next meeting is June 3, 2009 in Fort Rucker.

**District VII:**

Mr. David Thompson submitted a written report.

**Section Reports:**

**Cultural Diversity Section**

No report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Alabama Five 0:**

The Senior Leader Workshop will be held on April 1, 2009 at the State Office.

**Awards:**

No report.

**Certification:**

Ms. Tina Kitchens is working to create a library for future professionals to test for certification.

**Conference Site:**

Executive Director Lindsay Wright reported invitations for bids for 2011, 2012, and 2013 will be sent out within the next month.

**Conference Education:**

First Vice President Ken Ard reported he is working toward completing his committee.

**COPP:**

Past President Natalie Norman reported the COPP Golf Tournament will be held on October 6, 2009 at Lagoon Park. The Committee will meet April 23, 2009 at the State Office.

**Education:**

No report.

**Finance:**

Executive Director Lindsay Wright reported the mortgage has to be refinanced in April. The loan matures on April 10, 2009.

**Long Range:**

President Elect Tommie Agee reported the Long Range Plan was a work in progress.

**Marketing:**

The committee will have a booth at the League of Municipalities.

**Membership:**

Mrs. Barbara Kent reported the membership directory has not been edited. The proof is still at the publisher.

**Nominating:**

Past President Natalie Norman stated finding recruits for nominations was a work in progress.

**Professional Development:**

No report.

**Publications/Publicity:**

Ms. Kelly Lyons reported the committee is hoping to shorten the Upcoming Events Section and add more articles, and highlight agencies and members.

**Recreational Sports:**

Mr. Kenny Thompson reported the committee met on February 4, 2009. Rule change deadline is May 1, 2009. Tournament bid deadline is June 26, 2009. State Basketball Tournament in Gadsden March 13-15, 2009. Next meeting is April 8, 2009.

**Therapeutic Recreation:**

Mrs. Bernadette Burroughs reported the Spring Camporee will be held April 3-5, 2009 in Anniston. The committee will meet in Hoover on March 12, 2009 to discuss an upcoming workshop and Fall Camp.

**NRPA Reports:**

No reports.

**ARPA Citizen Report:**

No report.

**Unfinished Business:**

Executive Director Lindsay Wright updated the Board concerning *The Alabamian* and the current publisher. The current publisher wishes to continue to publish the magazine through this year. The Board

was also advised that one possibility to keep the publishing with a local company at years end was to help with mailing cost. The publisher and ARPA will revisit the issue toward the end of the year.

**New Business:**

President Robin Brothers advised the Board that the Executive Committee met with Executive Director Lindsay Wright on March 3, 2009 concerning maternity leave. The Board was advised telephone and email will be transferred to Lindsay's home during her leave. Lindsay will make a weekly visit to the State Office to check mail and pay bills. The maternity leave will be six weeks.

Executive Director Lindsay Wright updated the Board that the State Office mortgage loan matures on April 10, 2009. Treasurer Drew Peterson and Executive Director Lindsay Wright will advise the Board in June concerning the refinancing of the loan.

President Robin Brothers set a work day of April 8, 2009 to do outdoor work around the State Office. The Board asked the Executive Director to get estimates on taking out the shrubbery and putting sod in its place.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, the March meeting of the ARPA Board of Directors was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Warren Bowron and seconded by Past President Natalie Norman.