

# NACPRO



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION OFFICIALS

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**NACPRO Meeting Notes**  
**Teleconference**  
**November 27, 2017**  
**3:00 pm EST**

**Present:**

	Steve Anderson	X	Scott Bangle	X	Larry Blackstad	X	Holli Browder		Randy Burkhardt
	RJ Cardin		Dale "Doc" Dougherty	X	Bob Fonte			X	John Knight
X	Bill Maasen	X	Steve Madewell	X	Bill Mitchell	X	Reggie Moore		Jon Nicks
	Jeff Perry	X	Joe Roszak	X	Jeremy Rogers	X	Ralph Schultz	X	Mike Tully
	Jonathan Vlaming	X	John Wicker	X	James Worsley	X	Craig Zandstra		Kevin O'Hara

Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant

Excused Absences: Doc Dougherty, Randy Burkhardt, Jon Nicks

**1) Secretary's Report – Holli Browder**

Approval of the September minutes was deferred to January meeting.

**2) President's Report – Bill Maasen**

**a) Vice President & CAPRA vacancy**

Brande Hune resigned in October. She accepted a promotion to Assistant Human Resources Director for the County of Riverside. Brande served as the NACPRO liaison to CAPRA. Scott Bangle stated that it's important for NACPRO to have a liaison to CAPRA because no one else on the CAPRA board has a county/regional perspective. He said the work involves monthly meetings, reviewing applications, hearings at NRPA Congress. He estimates it takes about 160/hour/year. You can earn CEU credits for this work. NACPRO can provide financial support if your agency cannot. Holli Browder expressed interest and will check with her superiors first. James Worsley said he may have an interest in the future, but right now serves on the COPART board.

Mike Tully will serve as the Vice President for the remainder of Brande's term.

**3) Treasurer's Report - Brenda Adams-Weyant**

**a) Budget report**

A full report was attached to the meeting agenda. As of 11/13/17, there was \$41, 225 in checking, and income exceeded expenses by \$2,958.

#### **4) Association Managers Report - Brenda Adams-Weyant**

##### **a) Membership Report**

Membership count is currently at 157 and 3 sponsors. So far 67 members have renewed their membership for 2018.

##### **b) 2018 Budget**

It was suggested that we move funds from checking to the endowment when it is up for renewal. Larry Blackstad asked for funds to be budgeted for the NACo and CAPRA liaisons for travel support. Brenda asked committee chairs to let her know if they have any budget needs for 2018.

##### **c) Potential Sponsor**

Southeast Security Consultants (SSCI) contacted Brenda with an interest in the \$2000 sponsorship. SSCI is active in speaking at state parks/rec conferences and at NRPA. They are looking for more ways to engage members face to face. Beyond our summer meeting, are there regional meetings where they can provide information and training? James Worsley mentioned that there is a quarterly director's roundtable in the Richmond, VA area.

#### **5) Committee Reports and/or Business**

##### **a) Professional Education - Doc Dougherty (not present)**

James Worsley knows Monique Odom, Director of Metro Nashville Parks and is willing to contact her about our summer meeting and gauge her interest in partnering with NACPRO for the tour and educational session.

##### **b) Legislation- John Wicker**

Larry Blackstad asked the board about submitting comments to the National Park Service proposal to increase fees at their most popular parks. He felt that this would have an impact on local park districts and that we should weigh in. Larry made the motion to submit official comments to the NPS, Holli seconded. Motion Passes. Larry will work with Brenda to draft a response.

#### **6) Liaison/Affiliate reports**

**a) NACo - Randy Burkhardt (not present)**

**b) NRPA – Kevin O'Hara (not present)**

#### **Hot Topic Issue: Drones**

Bill Maasen - Johnson County issues permits for in-house drone use, but not to the public.

Bob Fonte - Stark Parks uses drones internally but does not allow public use.

Joe Roszak - Cleveland Metroparks has 3 drone zones for public use. They get lots of requests. They got some management ideas off the NRPA forums. See below for their policy.

Mike Tully - Lake County Forest Preserves refers drone operators to their Radio Control aircraft areas. A permit is required to use. The radio controlled plane users don't want to share their sites with drone users.

### **Adjourned**

Fonte moved to adjourn the meeting. Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

### **Cleveland Metroparks Drone Regulation**

Cleveland Metroparks regulates drone use in its parks for the safety and enjoyment of all its guests. Persons may launch, land or operate, or cause to be launched, landed or operated, a drone weighing less than 4.4lbs/2.0kg in airspace within the Park District **ONLY IN THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATED AREAS** and must (1) possess a current authorizing certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), (2) meet a 333 exemption, or (3) is flying the drone strictly for hobby or recreational use.

Designated areas within the Park District are open fields, in the following locations except during those dates and times of scheduled events:

- The Polo Fields located in South Chagrin;
- The Top O' Ledges in the Hinckley Reservation;
- Main Street Diamond located in Mill Stream Run Reservation;
- The fairways of all Cleveland Metroparks golf courses, except Sleepy Hollow or Manakiki, from November 1st through March 15th when the golf course is not open for golf:
  - (1) The operator of the UAS shall not be permitted on the greens or tees at any time.
  - (2) The operator shall not interfere with any non-golf activity that may be occurring on the golf course (e.g., snowshoeing, cross country skiing, etc.)

Even in designated areas, all operators, whether recreational and commercial, must learn and comply with all FAA regulations. It is not Cleveland Metroparks' responsibility to inform, train or educate the public about the FAA regulations.

### **Filming Policy**

A separate permit must be obtained to conduct a special group event or activity in Cleveland Metroparks including filming requests. Special event/activity requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Requirements will vary depending on size and scope of the event, date, time, location, etc. A permit fee and insurance may be required. The permit fee will vary depending on the event/activity and is nonrefundable.

For additional information or assistance on filming requests, please contact the Manager of Special Events & Experiences at Cleveland Metroparks by mail (3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland OH 44109, fax (216-661-3312), or phone (216-635-3304) from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday – Friday.