

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**  
**THURSDAY – JULY 18, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** – Members present were Eric Colvin – Chair, Christina Bishop, Dave Ryan, Sherri St. Clair, Patrice Roberts, Lea Arnold, and Crystal Frederick.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Motion to approve the June 19, 2013 minutes was made by Dave Ryan and seconded by Sherri St. Clair. The motion passed.

**OPENING REMARKS – VISION FROM THE CHAIR –**

- Members' introductions were done and Eric Colvin thanked Dave Ryan for the fantastic day he provided for the New Horizons Summer Camp. Eric then discussed his vision for his time as chair with the membership. He states he still wants to focus on ADA compliance; however, moving towards a more unified group for the members. Some of his ideas included the creation of a master calendar of events on the Commission website for agencies to advertise their trainings and events, creating a sub-committee to update the bylaws, increasing of membership to include other agencies such as Special Olympics and Wounded Warriors and increase the communication within the Commission.

**STAFF REPORT** – No staff present/no report.

**ADA COORDINATOR REPORT –**

- Christina Bishop reminded the members of the Mid Atlantic ADA Centers annual ADA Update Conference in September and asked members to consider voting on paying for a member or two to attend. No motion was held. Ms. Bishop stated she would send out the conference information via email to the group the following week.

**COMMISSION EDUCATION: ST. MARY'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS –**

- Christina Bishop gave the members a review of the Therapeutic Recreation Section Purpose and updated the group as follows:
  1. Inclusion
    - a. 77 accommodation plans during school year
    - b. So far 32 accommodation plans for summer
  2. Specialized Programs
    - a. Current – Partnership with Evolve for TR yoga, Love and logic, support groups
    - b. Past – Tennis, dance, self defense
    - c. Future – Therapeutic Drama
  3. Paralympics
    - a. Competitive athletes

- b. Programs
  - i. Aquatics, shooting, bocce, track and field
- 4. ADA Park compliance/review

**OLD BUSINESS –**

- Sherri St. Clair reviewed the winners for each category for the annual awards program and reminded the group that the awards presentation will be July 30, 2013 at 9 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building.
- Crystal Fredrick informed the group that the Archdiocese of Washington mandated churches have programs for individuals with special needs.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- Dave Ryan discussed the possibility of Commission members setting up meetings with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the needs of the County.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

- Christi Bishop reminded the group that the county fair will be in September and as always the commission will have a table set up in the County Government building. Sign-ups for fair shifts will be emailed to the membership in September.

**NEXT MEETING –** Sunday, August 4, 2013 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the St. Clair Farm.

**ADJOURNMENT –** The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.