

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**  
**THURSDAY – OCTOBER 17, 2013**  
**ROOM 14 POTOMAC BUILDING \* LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND**

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

**ROLL CALL** – Members present were:

Eric Colvin	Citizen Rep, Chair
David Ryan	Citizen Rep, Vice Chair
Sherri St. Clair	Citizen Rep
Joshua Brewster	Greenwell
Georgianna Rovito on behalf of Sandra Dent	Center for Independent Living
Kourtney Baker on behalf of Sarah Schaefer	Center for Life Enrichment
Patrice Roberts	Resource Coordination
Christina Bishop	ADA Coordinator/Recreation and Parks
Lois Coryell	St. Mary's County Libraries
Cynthia Brown	Department of Aging & Human Services
Melissa Seigman	Social Services
Lea Arnold on behalf of Mary Ann Blankenship	Public Works/STS
Rebecca Kessler	Department of Aging & Human Services

Non-members present were:

Amber Norris	Department of Aging & Human Services
Bonnie Elward	Southern Maryland Community Resources
Joanna Colvin	Citizen

Linda Clem, Crystal Frederick, Carole Woodward, Tomica Scriber, and Michelle Tilman were excused.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Motion to approve the September 19, 2013 minutes was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Ms. St. Clair, the motion passed.

**BUDGET REPORT** –

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Supplies & Materials	\$600.00	\$580.02
Other Contract Services	\$1700.00	\$1700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2300.00</b>	<b>\$2280.02</b>

**ADA COORDINATOR REPORT** –

- Ms. Bishop received an invitation from the State Highway Administration to attend a one day training regarding updates and changes to ADA guidelines on November 21, 2013. For more information, please contact Ms. Bishop.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS** –

- Giveaways – The commission was provided printouts of choices for giveaways, it was decided to order the reusable grocery bags.

- County Fair Follow-Up – Mr. Ryan and Ms. Kessler stated that the awareness activity was very helpful useful for the kids. Mr. Ryan inquired if there are any other awareness activities that could be demonstrated. Ms. Bishop has a list of awareness activities available.
- By-Laws Sub-Committee – Mr. Brewster, Mr. Colvin, and Mr. Ryan will meet prior to the next commission meeting to discuss updates to the by-laws. Mr. Brewster has a meeting scheduled with George Sparling, County Attorney, to discuss updating the by-laws.
- Commission Facebook Page – The commission now has a Facebook page, and currently has fifty-three likes. The page has been viewed five-hundred eighty-three times. Mr. Colvin and Ms. Bishop are the page administrators.

#### **DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS –**

- Ms. Price was not able to attend the meeting.
- Bonnie Elward from the Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR) gave an overview of the organization which launched July 2013. SMCR is a private non-profit organization that promotes the inclusion of persons with developmental differences into the life of the community. SMCR offers social, recreational, and educational opportunities where individuals with developmental differences can contribute their unique gifts and develop their potential. More information can be found at [www.somdcr.org](http://www.somdcr.org).
- Ms. Bishop discussed sending a letter to the department of public works to request inclusion of ADA projects in the FY 2015 CIP budget request. The commission agreed a request for a consultant to review county facilities would be beneficial.
- Mr. Ryan gave an overview of the ADA conference and received beneficial information at the conference.
- The commission, Helpful Hooves, and the Pals Program will hold their Christmas dinner dance at the Loffler Senior Center on Friday, December 13, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

- Ms. Bishop provided the commission with the Tommy Ross Memorial Fund application which is a scholarship program for children with disabilities.
- The Medically Oriented Gym has formed a partnership with the Paralympic Sports Southern Maryland which provides reduced membership rates for elite athletes with disabilities.
- Mr. Ryan requested an updated membership list for the website and inquired about members not attending meetings regularly.
- The Community Health Fair will be held on October 25, 2013 at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in California, MD.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> annual family caregiver's breakfast will be held on November 22, 2013 at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center in Leonardtown, MD.
- The Greenwell Foundation will hold their Rockfish Festival on December 7, 2013, details to be determined.

#### **NEXT MEETING –**

- November 21, 2013 in Room 14 at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

- Ms. St. Clair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. and Ms. Kessler seconded, the motion passed.