

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Date: May 3, 2017
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President David Lipman opened the General Membership meeting of Suffolk Committee for Camping at 7:30 PM.

Board members in attendance: Bob Colwell, Clare Gunning, Joe Kukral, Todd Lavender, David Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, Carmella Masem, and Steve Stengel.

Clubs Represented: Castaways, Pathfinders, Polecats, Smor-eowns, Mallards, LIBBA, Campers of LI, Pioneers, Cruisers, Allegros, Tailgaters, Friends by Nature, Getaways and Hooters.

The salute to the flag was led by Dave Lipman followed by a moment of silence.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to accept as read by John Groves and second by Michelle Clock.

Correspondence: In a phone call: Campers of LI have a group site at Indian Island Thursday August 24th- Tuesday August 29th, because of recent illnesses and disabilities they do not have the required minimums. They would love for any available SCC members to come camp with them and participate in their activities or camp independently in their group area. Please contact Ron Bode phone number given.

David had another conversation with Adina in reference to the building at Cathedral Pines, who by the way is no longer part of Suffolk County Parks Department. Per agreement with the Commissioner, going forward any registered group with the Suffolk Committee for Camping wishing to use the building at Cathedral Pines will pay a flat fee of \$140 for the weekend beginning at 4pm on Friday through 4pm on Sunday. They must be on the supplied list of clubs from SCC. First come, first serve basis. They must still reserve the space and must specify the times they will be using the building. They will not automatically get the whole weekend. This is for the entire building unless there is another SCC group which means you will get ½ the building. This is in recognition of the services supplied and the equipment in said building donated by SCC. Groups are expected to clean up after themselves. Although multiple SCC groups can be scheduled to use the building at the same time, no non-SCC group will be allowed to use the building at the same time as a SCC group. He directed that all the pertinent staff be notified. The list has not been turned in yet. If you've already reserved the building this agreement isn't retroactive. This agreement is only for dry camping groups with a minimum of 7 rigs.

Legislative: Joe Kukral attended the April 19th Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. The main topic was the Vanderbilt Museum major renovation. A Give the Gift of our Parks gift card program was touched on. Wording isn't clear yet. The resolution limiting the increase in camping fees to 2% is still in committee.

Membership: 26 clubs registered

A financial report was given.

Commercial: Todd is contacting commercial members. Several are donating a portion of their proceeds to the SCC scholarship fund.

Scholarship: Dave has received 4 complete scholarship applications and will be notifying the applicants. The applicants share \$1000.

Park Liaison: Dave was at Smith Point two weekends ago. They did a nice job rolling out the sites at Smith Point, however the fill had rebar in it. The park supervisor became aware of it and the county is no longer dealing with this vendor. Six workers with the supervisor walked the sites picking up all the metal they could find. The following week they went through with magnets. There was plenty of security, marked and unmarked, present in the park. Bathrooms were kept up. As soon as a site emptied the gator went into the site and workers cleaned the site and the firepit. They haven't polyurethaned the ceilings yet but there's a work order in. Work order in to fix the two holes at the entrance into the campground. Working on getting the ok for campers to come in earlier. There are more Park Rangers in evidence in the parks. There are 12 more right now and 10 more are graduating the academy. They are beefing up the overnight crews. They've got new vehicles, two of which have been assigned to Smith Point.

Member complained that the fence at site 230 keeps getting knocked down so people can go over the dunes. The office was notified.

Orange barrels in the parking lot is where the third car parking is going to be marked out. They have acquired buses and will be running them between the campground and the beach hut.

Sharynn brought up the fact that facebook should not be your first stop if you have a problem with a park. You should speak to the personnel at the park, whether in the office or in a gator. Next step text Dave prior to using social media.

Cathedral Pines: The bathrooms in the park had a problem. They emptied the pools but it was a blockage in the pipes. It was cleared Monday after.

Kick Off: Thanks to all the vendors who are donating proceeds of raffles to the scholarship. Fields will be lined the Sunday before Kick Off at 6am.

Club Sales: There are many clubs and commercial members participating.

Entertainment: Southbound, DJ and children's stuff.

Dinner: Steak Dinner, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, mixed veggies

LIBBA: His roundtable had lots of complaints about outer beach camping moving down to cut 3 as well as all the beach closures. There will be a press conference tomorrow. By the booth the air compressor is working. Smith Point false info that birds are at cut 1A, they are nesting at cut 2. They are going to try putting black

membrane on the sides of Burma road to keep the birds away. Thinking of plowing up the grass.

New Business: Complaints about bathrooms at Cathedral Pines and Indian Island. The selling of Plum Island was discussed.

50/50 Won by Sheryl Hoffman. She donated back to the scholarship fund.

A motion to close the meeting made by Gary Sulz, second by John Groves.

Next meeting June 7th

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