

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Date: February 1, 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, Todd Lavender, David Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, and Carmella Masem

Clubs Represented: Castaways, Pathfinders, Tailgaters, Polecats, South Shore Camping Club, Mallards, LI Happy Campers, Happy Campers FB Group, Paumanacks, LIBBA, Friends by Nature, Seagulls, Allegros, Fishing Buddies, Cruisers Camping Club, NCC, Paumanacks, and FNA.

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 by John Groves, second by Russ Clock.

Legislative: Joe Kukral attended recent legislative and trustee meetings. Legislator Kara Hahn is the newly appointed Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee. She is focusing on illegal dumping in our parks and is trying to become more knowledgeable about our campgrounds. Meschutt is the only beach they are looking at fixing. There's a new app for phones for golf reservations. Over 16,000 cars went through the light show at Smith Point and the County received \$39,000 which went into the general fund. They are trying to get some of that into the parks dept. Approval has been given for next year. Gallo Duck Farm got a \$2.2 million state grant to aid in its cleanup and the county will spend \$1 million to aid in the cleanup. Whenever the county acquires ownership of property, the property is turned over to the parks department and they are required to maintain it from their budget. They must go before the legislature to get funds constantly. They report that the new reservation system is up and running and is better. At the legislative meeting, someone asked why there was never any public meeting discussing the increase in fees. They said there was. Joe found no evidence in any of the minutes. Discounts for handicap, senior, volunteers etc. are only on the base fee. All the increases will go into the general funds.

LIBBA: Beaches are in good shape. Having a problem with air compressors. Electrician has been there 4 times. Fence going on Burma Road to contain the piping plovers. There was an idea to put big drain pipes under Burma Road so the piping plovers can get to the ocean. Feds didn't like that. Senator Schumer is working on the problem. 100 acres down by the inlet they bulldozed the trees down, the feds want the grass gone. The birds don't like grass. They want to spray to kill the grass.

Happy Campers FB Group: No Update
NCC: No Update

Membership: We are still waiting for many of the SCC clubs to submit their dues for 2017. Club Membership Applications have been mailed, are available on the SCC website and are also here on the front table.

Park Liaison: They are grading the sites at Smith Point with RCA, cleaned out the fire rings, replaced the ones that needed to be and have trimmed and pulled out bushes on sites as needed. Indian Island road is paved. The new building is still not open. County employees are working on the inside. Outside was done by outside contractor. Dave did have a chance to speak to the new commissioner. He does have some experience. Dave has also spoken to the deputy commissioner. She has been helpful. Dave thanked everyone for remaining civil when dealing with Sayville during this learning curve.

Dave passed out the charts of the new fee schedule and explained it to the group. The third car parking overnight fee at Smith Point was also discussed. If you show up early for a group area reservation, you will have to pay the \$3 walk-up fee. Dave will find out if you have to pay the park or the wagonmaster for the extra day and fee. It is important that you contact your legislators and let them know how unhappy you are with the fee increases. There is currently a petition online at concerned green key holders on Facebook.

New Business: Beach stickers have been changed. If you have a canvas top they are putting them on the windshield. If not, they are going on the left rear window. Fee remains at \$100.

Commercial member: Triple Crown Real Estate is a new commercial member.

Kick-Off:

Club Sales: Pathfinders are raffling off a flat screen TV and children's bubble machines. The Tailgaters are raffling off a Slimfold cook station and basket of cooking items. FBN will again be raffling a full-size BBQ grill. Participating in Club sales helps the clubs raise funds & attract new members.

Entertainment: Southbound will be back. DJ is booked.

Meals: Trying for flank steak dinner. Bob's working with a butcher to see if possible.

A treasurer's report was given.

Good and Welfare: The Colwell's adopted two puppies. The Coccozza's daughter got engaged. The Board is glad 2016 is over since Sharynn lost her dad, Dave lost his brother and mom, Bob lost his mom and Todd lost his dad.

Next meeting: March 1st

50/50 won by John Groves

A motion to close the meeting made by Kathy Colwell second by John Groves.

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