

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Date: April 6, 2016
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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: Clare Gunning, Todd Lavender, David Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, and Carmella Masem.

Clubs Represented: Castaways, Pathfinders, Polecats, Hooters, Mallards, Tailgaters, Canines, Paumanacks, and Friends by Nature

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 Christine Rodriguez and second by Russ Clock.

Park Liaison

Indian Island: The temporary road in has ruts and holes. You need to go really slow and there's only room for one vehicle at a time. The old entrance road in and out looks like it's near to being reopened.

Southaven: The official word is that the electric is finished in the group area.

Smith Point: Report was made it was really blustery this weekend. The dredging company was out there working all week. The sand that they pumped up at the Beach Hut was lost in the last storm. There's a huge hole in front of the Beach Hut. The county is trying to get an extension to keep the dredging going. The piping plovers will soon be the roadblock. A group is attempting to get FIN to close Smith Point and make it a bird sanctuary. Noticed was they were handing out beach permits. The rules for that were discussed.

Montauk: The sign man is working on the signs to make sure all the parks have the same signs.

Correspondence: None

Membership: Most of the clubs have renewed.

Commercial Membership: Three new members previously reported this season. Tag Motors is no longer in business as RV dealer.

Scholarship: Six applications have been received. Thanks to Debbie Longo, at last meeting, and Laura Howard, from Kick Off, who donated back their 50/50 winnings to scholarship, we are able to give extra scholarship this year. Thank you.

Kick Off

Club Sales: Seagulls will be doing cheese fries and either chicken nuggets or gyros.

Entertainment: DJ on Friday night and Southbound on Saturday night.

Meal: Turkey Dinner

Fundraisers for Scholarship Fund: Hot Dog Sale, Dog Training Raffle & 50/50 raffle.

We have arranged for the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services (FRES) All Hazards Training Trailer to be brought again to Kick-Off. The Trailer is an interactive hands-on exhibit that uses simulated fire, smoke and heat to teach fire safety in the home.

Attending club reps were encouraged to take the forms back to their groups. Having a correct headcount helps with the preparation in all areas. Discussed options on getting people to not wait for the last minute to submit.

Old Business: The trees on the way into Cedar Point group area will be taken care of. Military form requirements for green keys discussed. Green key numbers were also discussed.

New Business: Southaven has a pile of split firewood. Southaven, Sears Bellows, Blydenburgh, and Cedar Point are now allowing 14 day reservations, only on the reservation system. Checking into group areas early at Indian Island should be working correctly this season. Reservation system and how multiple people are able to put the same site in their cart and they don't know someone else got it until the checkout page has been brought to the attention of the county. The North Fork Preserve Planning Committee will not be meeting anymore as their work is finished. They have given the Commissioner the list of their 8 recommendations. First is to work on preserving the park itself, taking care of clearing the trails, fixing up the building that's there, cleaning up after the hunters, etc. The Commissioner has 6 months to let the Committee know what they've decided.

Good and Welfare: Carmella has returned from Rehab. Sharynn thanked the camping community for being there for her and David upon the recent death of her father.

Next meeting: May 4th

Suffolk District FCRV and NCC campout applications are available on the table.

50/50 \$38 won by Kathy Murray and she donated it back to the scholarship fund.

Motion to adjourn by Gary Sulz, second by Russ Clock.

a.d. After the meeting closed, with board members and 2 members at large still present a financial report was given.

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