

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Date: September 7, 2016
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Vice President Bob Colwell opened the General Membership Meeting of Suffolk Committee for Camping at 7:30 PM.

Board members in attendance: Bob Colwell, Clare Gunning, Todd Lavender, Carmella Masem, and Stephen Stengel.

Clubs Represented: LI Pathfinders, LI Tailgaters, LI Castaways, Polecats, Mallards, Pioneers, LI Campers, Lightkeepers, Hooters, LI Happy Campers

The salute to the flag was led by Bob Colwell followed by a moment of silence.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to accept by Gary Sulz, second by Christine Rodriguez.

Correspondence: none

Legislative: Carmella has heard nothing. She tried to reach the commissioner to get progress report on the North Fork Preserve but got nowhere since there's been a transition to a new commissioner.

Bob Colwell reported that there is a new Commissioner who started 9/1. His name is Philip Berdolt. He's from DPW. There's also a new deputy commissioner coming from the Suffolk County Police Department. Bob didn't have her name.

Membership: None. It's too soon. October is when we start to work on that.

Commercial Membership: Nothing to report.

Scholarship: The applications are available for scholarships on the website. You can download them and fill them out.

Park Liaison: Indian Island: Bob reports he was there last weekend. Park was very nice, bathrooms were clean, there didn't seem to be any problems with sites, group areas were quite full and everyone seemed to be having a good time. Building was being worked on. LIBBA Frank reported contractors are done. The building will be finished in the spring.

Frank from LIBBA reported that there was a legislative meeting at 4:30 today. Cookie was allowed to speak at the meeting about how other government agencies handle the birds at the beach allowing the beach to be open. There were also other speakers about these programs

Smith Point: Beach is nice, sites are a mess, bathrooms are not that clean.

Kick Off: This year is the 25th anniversary. Something special will be planned. The dates are May 19th through the 21st.

Club sales- apps are online for what you want to sell. Several clubs already have their apps in.

Old Business: none

New Business: Smith Point will be closed from November 1st through the winter. to allow for the Girl Scouts Light Show. Indian Island will be open all winter. Russ Clock reported that the website said it would reopen Jan 1st.

Frank from LIBBA said he and David spoke at Southaven about SCC and LIBBA sitting down with the new commissioner and park police at the same time to discuss the even implementation of the rules of the campgrounds.

Someone reported that they heard that Southaven is going to get more electric leaving a few sites unimproved for tent camping. Unconfirmed.

Member requested that more 50-amp service be added to the group areas at Indian Island since there are so many big rigs now.

FCRV campout will be happening Sept 30-Oct 2. It'll be run by Sheryl and Gary Hoffman of the Mallards. Basic campout. Bring a cake to share and a pot luck. Camping fees will be collected by the Hoffmans. You will not be paying a fee to FCRV.

Member asked if we have any idea how much money is brought in by camping at Smith Point. Answer was that all funds go into the general fund. You'd have to file a FOIL request and you'll just get a pile of numbers in response. You'll need an accountant to figure it out for you.

Request for a lifeguard since there are so many people that use the beach by the campground at Smith Point. Some members are too old to walk down to the lifeguard protected area.

Complaints about the loss of water for 24 hours because someone has backed into the water spigot at Smith Point. Happens often.

Good and Welfare: Mike Tarantino passed away, very active member of the Pathfinders. Cleta O'Brien passed away same week, she was a long time member of the Pathfinders. David Lipman's brother died unexpectedly in July.

Next meeting: October 5th

A treasurer's report was given.

A motion to close the meeting made by Gary Sulz second by Gary Hoffman.

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