

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Date: October 4, 2017  
HOLTSVILLE ECOLOGY SITE  
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Vice President Bob Colwell opened the General Membership meeting of Suffolk Committee for Camping at 7:30 PM. The salute to the flag was led by Bob followed by a moment of silence.

Board members in attendance: Bob Colwell, Clare Gunning, Joe Kukral, and Steve Stengel.

Clubs Represented: Castaways, Pathfinders, Polecats, Cruisers, Friends By Nature, Allegros, and Campers of LI.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to accept as read by Gary Sulz. Second by Joe Kukral.

Legislative: Joe Kukral attended the Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Parks and Rec committee meeting. He addressed the legislative meeting and shared that the reason that the numbers of campers were down this season was, as expressed by the campers he's spoken with, that the campers had either shortened their camping trips or made less trips due to the fee increases and non-refundable fees charged. Joe expressed our hopes that there will be no more increase in fees for the 2018 season. Legislator Hahn and the Commissioner said there are no new fee increases proposed in the budget they are working on right now. Numerous proposals were brought up and tabled. Some involved parks development that are used by outside groups. Another was about a park that Brookhaven would take possession of after the county provided funds and developed it. Joe called the Commissioner twice about the boat rentals at Sears Bellows. The Commissioner's initial response was if there was no one there to rent out the boats he saw no reason why you couldn't use your own non-motorized boat. Joe would like who originally brought this concern up to email him so he can get more info about it. Joe addressed some of the members complaints that he'll present at the next legislature meeting. A long discussion of complaints about the reservation system followed.

Park Liaison: Smith Point has been better this season. Bathrooms are clean. The sites still need work. Smith Point and Indian Island have a problem with glass in the sites. Rebarb is still showing up in the sites at Smith Point.

Good and Welfare: Dave's birthday tomorrow.

Membership: none

Scholarship: none

Kick-off Rally: Bob announced this coming Kick-off is the last year he will be cooking. He will not walk away if someone steps up. He will assist them for two years. He doesn't want to be in charge of food services anymore. Joe also appealed for new people to step up to do Kick-off.

Old Business: none

New business: Complaint about the placement of group area signs at Southaven.

Next meeting: November 1st

A motion to close the meeting made by Joe Kukral. Second by John Groves.

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