

Twin Rivers Paddle Club
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CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICES
406 Craven Street, New Bern, NC

MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2017

7:00pm: Bill Sadler welcomed all and called the meeting to order; 10 members were in attendance. Bill welcomed one new member present.

Treasurer: Bill Sadler reported that we currently have \$3209.26 total in the bank; \$308 has not yet been deposited. Bill made a motion to donate \$240 to Sound Rivers, part of the money collected at the Beginner's Paddle Class; Corinne Everett Belch seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary: Corinne Everett Belch had nothing to report as she was absent from the last meeting due to family commitments – she will check with Chuck Kimball to see about notes from the May meeting. Bill Sadler made a motion to hold on the approval of the May meeting minutes; Corinne Everett Belch seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Craven County Parks and Recreation: Mark Seymour reported that the Beginner's Class went well and has now concluded. Eight people participated in the class this year. Mark thanked everyone who helped, including Becky and Terry Rich.

Mark also mentioned that the Town of Vanceboro had approached Craven County about piece of property that County has, with the idea of a possible kayak launch, similar to Creekside Park. The idea is at the beginning stages; TRPC may consider financial assistance with that project if it goes forward.

Also, Craven County is considering offering kayak rentals, and will keep us up to date on that

Father Tom Tully made a motion to express sympathy to Bud Curtis on the death of his wife Helen, Terry Rich seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Past Paddles:

The Memorial Day weekend coffee paddle, lead by Cal Hansen and Rick Tollman, went well. We launched from a small beach on the Bridgeton side of the Neuse River. Becky Rich let us know she saw the person who owns that land the day after our paddle and she was happy to see all the boats out; she said we are welcome to put in there any time.

Cal Hansen lead a coffee paddle on 6/6 on Wilson Creek out to Cypress Lake, which went well

Terry Rich did Pick-Up Paddle, Tar Landing to Island Creek, which was about 5-6 miles. They saw lots of wildflowers and birds; bluffs along the creek when it narrows; poison ivy and ticks are plenty out there – watch out.

Father Tom Tully lead a paddle for 8th graders from Saint Paul Catholic School. Father Tom, Becky and Terry Rich helped, Sound Rivers provided Kayaks, paddles and PFDs.

New Business

Upcoming Paddles:

River Bend July 4th Parade – we will be helping people get into kayaks and get out on the water.

Moonlight Paddle and Social July 8th at Thom Wilson's house – meet at 7pm, launch at 7:30pm

Safety and Training

Becky and Terry Rich told the group that they had recently watched boats launch at the boat-launch in Beaufort, NC. It was a comedy of safety errors with a huge crowd of people trying to get boats in the water.

Be very careful around boat launches in the summertime, wear proper footwear because of mud, oyster shells and slippery ramps. Of course, ALWAYS make sure you and your children are wearing proper PFDs! There were 13 small craft drownings in North Carolina last year – none of those 13 were wearing PFDs.

8:15pm, Meeting adjourned
Corinne Everett Belch, Secretary