

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

MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2017

7:00pm: Carolyn Borgert called the meeting to order and welcomed all, Thom Wilson was out of town for this meeting. 12 members were present.

Vice President: Carolyn Borgert let the members know that Bill Sadler is ill; he sent in his report via email

Treasurer: Bill Sadler (via email) reported that our current bank balance is \$2844.92 and our membership stands at 79.

Secretary: Corinne Everett Belch asked for a motion to approve the January meeting minutes – Bud Curtis made the motion and Terry Rich seconded; the motion passed.

Communications Report: Bud Curtis let the members know that the **new website is up and running**, with a few small issues which should be resolved shortly. We need more participants for the web team, so if you are interested please let us know.

Craven County Parks and Recreation: Mark Seymour mentioned the **Beginner's Kayak Class** which will take place on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 from 5:30pm to 7pm. The class is capped at 10 people, the cost is \$50 per person; for more information contact Mark at (252) 636-6606 or mseymour@cravencountync.gov. Volunteers are needed to help carry boats, and Terry and Becky are looking for volunteers to also run the second two classes (April 17 and May 4.) There are also new restrooms at Creekside Park.

Swansboro Paddle Fest is May 5 & 6 from 10am – 5pm. The event will be a little different than in the past, they are scaling down. They have invited TRPC to have booth. Activities will include a paddle board race, kayak trip and fundraiser paddle.

Past Paddles

- Bill Hines mentioned that he has pickup paddles about every week. He was at **Goose Creek on Sunday 2/12**; the weather has been nice lately.

Upcoming paddles:

- **March 24-26 - Goose Creek Paddle**, if you are interested in camping, reserve campsite now – talk to Terry Rich.
- **March 30 - Rescue Training at YMCA** (Terry Rich) 5:30 – 8:30. This class is free, please register by emailing Terry. Be sure you have a clean boat if you break your boat, break your Personal Flootation Device (PFD) and consider bringing a nose clip.

New Business:

Carolyn Borgert asked how we get trip descriptions posted on the new website.

Bud responded that for now, send to him in PDF form. There was also a question of how we will post photos to the new website. Corinne has looked into a plugin that will pull photos from Facebook, and will look further into that.

Bill Hines spoke about the Mountains to Sea Trail in a Day – the event is scheduled for Sept 9, 2017. To celebrate the trail, people will hike and paddle the entire trail in a day (in small sections.) Bill has 219 miles of river to come up with people for; **36 people will be needed to paddle 18 sections.** There is no fee to participate. Bill also reminded the group that he will be paddling the Neuse April 9 -15.

Safety & Training:

Terry Rich, Safety Officer, spoke about reading more about rescues. **He recommends a book called *Sea Kayak Rescue* by Roger Shuman and Jan Schriener.** The book includes step by step instructions and helpful photos; it's not a dry book. Topics covered include learning when it's safe to paddle and when it's not; being aware of things like flood conditions, sweepers, things that will entrap you, low dams that will circulate you. **You need to know how you can rescue yourself, so try to practice in less demanding situations for the future.**

8:00pm, Meeting adjourned
Corinne Everett Belch, Secretary