

Twin Rivers Paddle Club



CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

406 Craven Street, New Bern, NC

MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2019

President: 7:00 pm, Randy Siler opened the meeting and welcomed the 22 members/guests. Several newcomers were present and were given the opportunity to introduce themselves. Ellie Toombs was thanked for hosting the clubs December planning meeting/social. Randy introduced himself as the newly elected president and shared his compassion and strong commitment to the paddle club. He stated his main objective as president will be to strengthen and promote TRPC. He encouraged more active participation by members in hopes of making TRPC even more successful going forward.

Vice President: Carolyn Borgert, no official report. Will discuss TRPC T-shirt orders later in meeting.

Treasurer: Ellie Toombs submitted the following financial report:

Beginning balance 12/1/2018	\$1581.35
Income	\$588.00
Outflow	\$124.07
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Ending balance 12/30/2018	\$2,045.28

Membership currently stands at 62, with renewals and new memberships still coming in.

Secretary: Rick Tollmann stated this was his first meeting as secretary since November's election and that he was not aware of a minutes from that meeting. He said he wished to record in this month's minutes, the official election results. Twin Rivers Paddle Club officers elected to a one-year term on 11/13/18 are as follows: President, Randy Siler. Vice-president, Carolyn Borgert. Treasurer, Ellie Toombs. Secretary, Rick Tollmann.

Communications: Bud Curtis informed the club of a format change to our web site. The change was necessary to better facilitate the posting of pictures and to enhance blogging.

Craven County Recreation and Parks: Mark Seymour began by introducing himself as an employee and representative of Craven County Recreation and Parks. He described damage by hurricane Florence to Creekside Park and the Latham-Whitehurst Nature Park. Creekside's two kayak launches sustained minimal damage. The large plastic floating launch floated away from the dock and was eventually located downstream from the park. No damage resulted. The other kayak launch (that TRPC constructed) appears to have suffered only minor damage and should be repaired in the near future.

The boardwalk at Latham-Whitehurst park sustained some damage and the situation is currently under review. Also, many trees were damaged or uprooted at both parks.

Mark also mentioned that registration has begun for this year's beginner kayak class. [*Craven County Recreation & Parks Department, Twin Rivers Paddle Club, and Sound Rivers are sponsoring a kayaking class starting Thursday, April 18 from 5:30-7:00 pm at Creekside Park. The class will run every Thursday for four weeks. Cost for the class is \$50 per person. For more information, contact Mark Seymour, mseymour@cravencountync.gov or 636-6606.*]

Old Business:

2019 Paddle calendar: Randy reminded all members that if anyone wishes to lead or add a trip to this year's calendar there's still time to do so. Also, if someone would like to suggest a certain paddle trip, please do so.

Past paddles and events:

November 17, 2018 another of Terry's great "Gawk and Talk" pick-up paddles that included exploration of Oriental marinas and Whittaker Creek.

December 1, 2018, TRPC held it's annual planning meeting and social. Special thanks go out to Ellie Toombs for offering up her home and hosting the event.

December 29, 2018, CB organized a year end "easy peasy pick-up paddle" from Glenburnie Park, through the Hatteras Basin and out into Neuse River.

January 1, 2019, TRPC's 14th New Year's Day paddle, 28 paddlers and numerous onlookers joined to welcome in the new year at Lawson Creek Park. Following the paddle, good food, hot and cold beverages and good cheer was enjoyed by all.

January 5, a Terry Rich pick-up paddle up Brice's Creek was enjoyed by a few dedicated paddlers.

New Business:

TRPC shirts: Carolyn (CB) is now taking orders for TRPC t-shirts. These shirts are Hanes Adult Cool Dri Performance Tees, 100% polyester, available in short sleeve or long sleeve, with several colors to choose from. The small TRPC logo is on left chest front, with full size TRPC logo across the back. Sizes are XS, S-2XL. Add an additional \$1.50 for 2XL. T-shirts must be prepaid.

Rick informed everyone that there are only a few TRPC hats remaining @ \$10 each and TRPC license plates @ \$8 per plat

Upcoming Events and Paddles: Rescue class at the YMCA March 7, Terry Rich/John Bert. Bill Hines gave the club advance notice that he and Larry Summers will once again be leading their Capital to capital [Raleigh to New Bern] paddle down the Neuse River. Date: April 14-20.

(See TRPC web site for details) <http://twinriverspaddleclub.org/activities/schedule-2019>

Standing Committee Reports:

Safety & Training: Terry Rich shared information on cold water paddling and valuable advice if/when the paddler ends up in the water. Handout "Cool/cold weather paddling strategies." (see pg. 3)

Program:

Randy stated he would like to see more members participate and contribute at meetings by sharing experiences, knowledge and ideas. This was followed by a few lively conversations.

8:30 PM Meeting Adjourned

Rick Tollmann, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Craven County Admin. Building, 406 Craven Street, New Bern

Cool/cold weather paddling Strategies

- **Weather** – check for fronts, air & h2O temps, tides, wind speed & direction, elements...
- **Routes** – consider fetch, proximity to take outs, tides, sheltered vs. open water (beware of inlets, capes, shipping lanes, boat traffic, submerged objects...)
- **Support** – Are you paddling w/ skilled partners or solo? Do you have a support boat, VHS, other support?
- **Skills** – do your skills match the challenge, self- rescue & assist skills, fitness level / health.
- **Gear** – appropriate clothing (dry or wet suit, paddle jacket, foot gear, hat & gloves?), p.f.d., paddle skirt, spare paddle, pump, dry bag (towel & clothing), emergency bail bag (flairs, food, fire, phone, shelter, tools, hand warmers? ...), **OTHER?**

**STOP & THINK – HOW CAN I PREPARE
SUFFICIENTLY FOR THIS SPECIFIC**

