

## *Twin Rivers Paddle Club*



### **CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

406 Craven Street, New Bern, NC

## **MEETING MINUTES**

April 9, 2019

**President:** 7:00 pm, Randy opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, including a new member and several guests.

**Vice President:** Carolyn Borgert, no official report.

**Treasurer:** Ellie Toombs submitted the following financial report:

Beginning balance 03/11/2019	\$2,325.86
Income	\$159.00
Outflow	<b>\$100.00</b>
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Ending balance as of 04/10/2019	\$2,384.86

Current membership stands at 89 households.

**Secretary:** Rick Tollmann stated that the minutes for the March 12 meeting was sent to all members via email. Terry Rich made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by John Burt. Motion carried.

**Communications:** Bud Curtis informed the club of a few minor technical issues with the web site that he took care of.

**Craven County Recreation and Parks:** Mark Seymour informed the club that 13 people have registered for the upcoming beginner kayak class.

## Old Business:

### Past paddles:

March 15-17, Merchant's Mill Pond – John Burt / Dave Whitlow. A dozen members of the Twin Rivers Paddle Club and The New Bern Outdoor Adventure Club enjoyed a great weekend paddling, hiking and camping amongst massive bald cypress trees, beech groves, Spanish moss and exotic wildlife.

March 24, Trent River pick-up paddle, Debbie Schweizer. 12 paddlers had a great Sunday afternoon paddling the Trent from Pollocksville.

March 30, Neuse River/Swift Creek, Bill Webb. 9 kayakers paddled from Cow Pen Landing to Cool Springs on a nice Saturday morning.

March 30, Wilson Creek exploratory paddle, CB.

April 6, Slocum Creek, Bill Webb. Eight paddlers had a good time exploring the upper reaches of Slocum Creek.

TRPC shirts: Only a few shirts left, see Carolyn. Also, Rick has one (1) TRPC hat left @ \$10 and TRPC license plates are available @ \$8.

## New Business:

Beginners Kayak Class: Our beginners class begins Thursday, April 18 from 5:30-7:00 pm at Creekside Park. The class will run every Thursday for four weeks. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Great Trent River Raft Race, June 22. Members were in agreement that TRPC should have a presence at this year's event. Ellie will look into getting additional information and share when she gets it. If we do participate, **VOLUNTEERS** will be needed to staff the booth and to provide/share information about our club.

### Upcoming Paddles:

April 14 – 20, Neuse River Paddle, Bill Hines / Larry Summers, Seven-day six-night paddle from Raleigh to New Bern. Five nights of camping along the Neuse River.

April 18, Beginners Kayak Class, Becky and Terry Rich, John Burt, volunteers.

April 20, Handcock Creek to Pine Cliffs (and return). Rick Tollmann

May 7, Tuesday, Coffee Paddle, meet 9:00 at Famous Bakery for coffee followed by a local paddle.

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

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Safety & Training: No report.

Program: Paddlecraft Safety and AUXPAD

TRPC members welcomed guests Kathie King and Bud McClard of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They spoke of the Auxiliary's mission to provide boating safety education to the public with the aim of reducing loss of life, personal injury and property damage to recreational boaters. With paddle sports increasing in popularity so too have accidents and deaths. About 22 million Americans — 7.4 percent of the population — currently enjoy paddling. For additional information and resources visit:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=RB-GROUP&category=paddle-craft-safety>

8:30 PM Meeting Adjourned

Rick Tollmann, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Craven County Admin. Building, 406 Craven Street, New Bern**