

Twin Rivers Paddle Club



CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

406 Craven Street, New Bern, NC

MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2019

President: 7:00 pm, Randy opened the meeting by welcoming the large group in attendance. He informed the group of the reasons why TRPC was not able to secure a spot at this year's Mumfest. Event organizers allow a certain number of spots for non-profit organizations and when we went to register, no spots were available. We will act more quickly next year.

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Ellie Toombs submitted the following financial report:

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| Beginning balance 08/13/19 | \$2,938.90 |
| Income | \$33.00 |
| Outflow | \$0.00 |
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| Ending balance as of 09/10/19 | \$2,971.90 |

Secretary: Rick stated that the minutes from the August 13 meeting was distributed to all members and if there were no comments or concerns asked for a motion to accept. Doug Brewbaker made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bud Curtis, motion carried.

Communications: Bud Curtis brought up the subject of URL (the address of our website) ownership. Currently the URL is in Bud's name but really should be transferred to TRPC. After considerable discussion, several members agreed to try to get more information on the subject. Issue tabled until additional info. Can be gathered.

John inquired if the "Donate-A-Kayak" program could be posted on our web site, Bud responded that it could.

Craven County Recreation and Parks: Chris Worsinger, Chris stated that even though the county employee paddle was canceled, it may be rescheduled at a later date. The Beginner Kayak Clinic is set for Sept. 17, 5:30-7:00, at Creekside Park and has nine people registered. TRPC volunteers are asked to come out and assist.

Old Business:

Randy discussed last month's decision to make a change to TRPC's by-laws by amending the club's dues structure. [see attachment]. A vote will be taken at October's meeting.

Mumfest: Becki Rich suggested since we missed the deadline to register, perhaps we could ask the New Bern OAC about sharing their spot with us. Everyone thought it was a good idea. Marla Webb made a motion that if the NBOAC agreed to share their spot, TRPC would pay half the event fee. Motion seconded by Tracy Kadar, motion carried. Becki said she would bring idea up to the OAC at their next meeting.

Rick reviewed the past months paddles.

- Aug. 17, Carrot Island paddle was canceled.
- Aug. 17, With an open date, Terry Rich suggested an inprompto Rescue Practice, 7 members participated. Practice, practice, practice!
- Aug. 24 Coffee Paddle, 6 paddlers met at Merchant's store, paddled down Brice's Creek and across the Trent to enjoy a nice trip around the Old Town waterfront. The rain held off until shortly after the paddle concluded.
- Aug. 31, CB coordinated a pick-up paddle on Tranter's Creek in Washington where a dozen paddlers enjoyed a nice day on the water. And off course, when in Washington, a stop at Backwater Jack's is always nice.
- Sept. 3, Coffee Paddle, from Bojangles in Grantsboro, 4 dedicated paddlers headed over to Goose Creek, paddled out to the Neuse and down to Lower Duck Creek. It was a gorgeous "pre-Dorian" day for a paddle.

New Business:

Up-coming TRPC election of officers: Randy explained the purpose of a nominating committee and asked for volunteers for the committee. None came forward. Nominations may be accepted from the floor at the time of the election.

There was a question from the floor regarding the duties of the VP position. Rick read the following from the club by-laws, "It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform such duties as may be requested by the President and in his/her absence to act in his/her stead. He/She will serve as the trip planning coordinator (lead the development of the Calendar of Events) and upon request will serve as the program coordinator."

Bill Webb asked if it were possible to reduce the club's monthly meetings to every other month. After some discussion, it became evident that due to the club's numerous year-round activities that reducing meetings would not be beneficial. NOTE: Article 8 - *Section 2: of our by-laws state*; Regular meetings of the membership to conduct normal or special affairs of the Club shall be held on the Second Tuesday of the month throughout the year.

Upcoming Events and Paddles:

Sept. 21, Easy Peasy Piddle Paddle, CB

Sept. 28, Coffee Paddle, Rick

Oct., 12 & 13, Mumfest (pending)

Oct. 19 Washington Waterfront Paddle, Bill Webb

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

Vice-president VACANCY. Any member in good standing who is interested in serving please contact a club officer. *[Duties of Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform such duties as may be requested by the President and in his/her absence to act in his/her stead. He/she will serve as the trip planning coordinator (lead the development of the Calendar of Events) and upon request will serve as the program coordinator.]*

Standing Committee Reports:

Safety & Training:

Terry's topic this month was Water quality of our rivers and creeks (particularly after heavy rain and/or flooding. [see attached handout] Terry suggested for up-to-date water quality information to visit the Sound Rivers web site.

<https://soundrivers.org/swimguide/>.

8:20 PM meeting adjourned

Rick Tollmann, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 7:00 PM. Craven County Admin. Building, 406 Craven Street, New Bern

Article 5: Membership

Paragraph 2 (Current wording concerning membership dues:)

The dues are \$12.00 per year and are due by December 31 each year and they cover all members living within a household. Members who join during the year will have their dues pro-rated at \$1.00 per month. Membership dues help to support the newsletter, website, conservation, access, and social activities. Members who renew their membership after December 31 will not have their dues prorated; therefore, they will pay the full year membership dues of \$12.00.

Proposed update/revision of wording for dues (per discussion in August 13, 2019 regular meeting):

The dues are \$12.00 per year and are due by December 31 each year. The annual dues cover all members living within a household. Members who have lapsed in their dues and renew after December 31, will pay the full annual dues of \$12.00, regardless of when paid; however, those not paying their dues prior to the meeting in February will be subject to removal from the membership and e-mail listings. **NOTE:** Annual dues are no longer pro-rated; membership dues are \$12.00 per calendar year. Those initially joining the club in the last quarter, October – December, will have their membership extended through the end of the next calendar year. Membership dues help to support the newsletter, website, conservation, access, and social activities.

Note: This wording will be available for review for at least 30 days prior to a vote to adopt this revised wording or some similar variation. The planned vote on acceptance of this revision is scheduled for the October 9, 2019 regular meeting.

PADDLING PATHOGENS

by Jeffery Lee

Safety

Much of the cleanliness or quality of flood waters will depend on the surrounding environment; high or flood waters in wilderness or other undeveloped rural lands will tend to be cleaner, while agricultural and certainly urban areas more likely to be infected with dangerous contaminants.

Clearly, the best way to avoid such water-borne hazards is to steer clear of any unnaturally high waters or floods.

But if for whatever reason you should find yourself in questionable waters, here are some ways to stay safe:

- Heed water-quality warnings from local Departments of Natural Resources, public health departments, and beach safety administrators. Search online for updated local water-quality reports.
- Avoid the first flush immediately following storms or rains; in addition to pathogens and pollutants, the first rush of flood waters often carry dangerous debris and other hazards.
- Avoid large pools or ponds of lingering brown water, especially those downstream from livestock farms, etc.. Bacteria can thrive and grow in warm, shallow standing water.
- Wear protective clothing like splash jackets & pants, neoprene gloves, etc. to minimize chances of direct skin contact.
- Avoid ingesting or inhaling splashed water which may be contaminated. Keep food and water bottles safely belowdecks and secured inside waterproof drybags.
- When done paddling, wash your canoe or kayak and other related paddling gear in clean water. Of course, wash your hands, feet, and any other body parts which may have been exposed to questionable waters, and follow up with a hand sanitizer.

The onset of symptoms of these ailments varies from a few hours to a few days. If you begin exhibiting any of these signs (nausea, vomiting, cramps, diarrhea, etc.), immediately seek medical help and let the physicians know that you may have been exposed to unsanitary waters.



Sound Rivers.org (swim guide)
"AVOID SWIMMING IN ALL COASTAL
WATERS UNTIL TESTING INDICATES
BACTERIA LEVELS MEET STATE &
FEDERAL STANDARDS"

