

Twin Rivers Paddle Club



CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

406 Craven Street, New Bern, NC

MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2019

President: 7:00 pm, Randy opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance. There was one new member and he gave a brief introduction of himself.

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Ellie Toombs submitted the following financial report:

Beginning balance 09/10/19	\$2,971.90
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Income	\$24.00
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Outflow	\$15.68
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Ending balance as of 10/08/19	\$2,980.22	*Current membership stands at 109.
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Secretary: Rick stated that the minutes from the September 10 meeting had been distributed to all members and if there were no comments or concerns asked for a motion to accept. Larry Summers made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Ellie Toombs, motion carried.

Communications: Bud Curtis not present. The issue of our URL (the address of our website) ownership that was brought up at September's meeting was again tabled until we can get more information.

Terry made a suggestion that items listed for sale on our web site, should be deleted one (1) year from date listed. There was a general consensus by the members.

Craven County Recreation and Parks: Chris Worsinger, Chris informed the group of the successful Beginner Kayak Clinic held Sept. 17 at Creekside Park and thanked the club volunteers who assisted. Also, the kayak launch at Creekside has been repaired and is ready for use.

Old Business:

Rick reviewed the past months paddles.

- Sept 13, Full moon pick-up paddle, Oriental. Larry Summers stated that even though conditions prohibited a full moon sighting the 7-8 paddlers had a good time.
- Sept 21, Easy Peasy Pick-up Paddle (EPPP), CB, 21 paddlers enjoyed a beautiful day paddling from Jack's Island, up the Trent River before stopping for a break at Doug and Margaret Brewbaker's riverfront home where a variety of ice cream treats awaited.
- Sept 28 Coffee Paddle, After socializing awhile over a cup-of-joe, 17 members caravanned to Cow Pen Landing and enjoyed a perfect day paddling the Neuse River and Greens Thorofare.

New Business:

Election of TRPC officers:

Current officers agreed to serve another term. All positions went uncontested. Members in attendance unanimously voted in favor. President; Randy Siler, Vice-president; Vacant, Treasurer; Ellie Toombs, Secretary; Rick Tollmann.

Proposal to amend dues structure as set out in Article 5 of our by-laws:

Current: *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 revision (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 living within a household. Members who have lapsed in their dues and renew after December 31, will pay the 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 email 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.

Randy explained the issues regarding the change and answered all questions. He then called for a vote. Vote was unanimous. Change takes effect immediately.

MUMFEST: Great news! Our good friends at **The New Bern Outdoor Adventure Club** have graciously agreed to allow TRPC to share their spot at Mumfest. Now we must hurry and fill time slots for Saturday and Sunday 10/12 & 13. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**...click here to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4aaeaa2aaaf94-mumfest>

Upcoming Events and Paddles:

Oct., 12 & 13, Mumfest **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**... HURRY! click below to sign up.
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Oct. 19 Washington Waterfront Paddle, Bill Webb

CB asked the club about the idea of combining a (yet to be announced) EPPP with a pizza social. After a brief discussion, Larry Summers made a motion to allow pizza/refreshments to be purchased not to exceed \$200. Seconded by Ellie Toombs, motion passed. Details to be announced.

Nov. 2, Goose Creek: Becki and Terry Rich mentioned that the New Bern Outdoor Adventure Club will be camping at Goose Creek State Park and planning a paddle on Saturday 11/2. TRPC paddlers are encouraged to join in. The paddle trip will depart from the park launch area at the end of the primitive camp area around 10:00 am for an easy paddle lasting about 2-3 hours (depending on doing an optional extension out to the Pamlico River). If you want to take out on the return from upper Goose Creek the shorter option of the trip should only last a couple of hours). November temperatures are cool so dress for success (no cotton, layers, wet or dry suits & dry bag w/ towel and clothes just in case of immersion). As usual, pfd's must be worn while paddling.

DIRECTIONS: From New Bern (approximately 50 miles and an hour drive) take US 17N to Washington N.C. and turn right on US 264E East. Continue 9.1 miles to Camp Leach Rd. The park entrance is on the right and our campsites are at the end of the side road designating camping.

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

Standing Committee Reports:

Safety & Training:

Terry's topic this month was "Safety Fundamentals". Always use common sense and follow all safety rules all the time. Here are just a few to remember.

- Be aware of weather conditions and water temperature. Dress for immersion, layering of clothing is strongly suggested.
- Never mix alcohol or drugs (prescription or non-prescription) with boating.
- Most importantly, WEAR YOUR PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE. Coast Guard regulations require that all kayakers have a lifejacket. Wearing your lifejacket will help keep your head above water and add insulation to your body, keeping you warmer in cold water.
- Be self-reliant, practice self-rescue. Don't assume fellow paddlers know how to properly react in all emergency situations.
- Always evaluate your skills and ability before a paddle.
- Stay hydrated. Always bring plenty of water and snacks.

8:05 PM meeting adjourned

Rick Tollmann, Secretary

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