

## *Twin Rivers Paddle Club*



### **Craven County Administration Office**

406 Craven Street, New Bern, NC

### **MEETING MINUTES**

February 11, 2020

**President:** 7:00 PM meeting opened. After first thanking Rick for presiding over last months meeting, Randy welcomed several new/potential members.

**Vice President:** Vacant

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

Beginning balance 01/14/2020	\$3,345.12
Income	\$192.00
Outflow	- \$0.00
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Ending balance 02/11/2020	\$3,537.12

We currently have 119 members on our roster with only 78 renewals. Roster will soon be reduced to dues paying members only, so please submit your 2020 dues (\$12) ASAP. Thank you!

**Secretary:** Rick stated that the minutes of January's meeting was distributed to all members via email and is also posted on our web site. A motion to accept the minutes as submitted was made by Sherman Hawkins, seconded by Joanne Somerday, motion accepted.

**Communications:** Bud informed those that have paddles on the 2020 schedule to please submit a paddle description ASAP. We need to update and complete our schedule @ <https://twinriverspaddleclub.org/activities/schedule-2020/>.

**Craven County Recreation and Parks:** Chris Worsinger reminded that Craven County Recreation & Parks is once again partnering with the Twin Rivers Paddle Club and Sound Rivers to offer Beginner Kayaking Classes this spring. The classes will take place every Thursday for four weeks starting April 23rd and going through May 14th. Classes will begin at 5:30 and end at 7:00, and will be held at the dock at Creekside Park. Boats, paddles, and life jackets will be provided. Cost for the class is \$50 per person. Registration will open February 1st. For more information, please contact Chris Worsinger at [cworsinger@cravencountync.gov](mailto:cworsinger@cravencountync.gov).

**Old Business:** Our club's VP position remains vacant. Any member in good standing who is interested in serving please contact a club officer.

### Past paddles and events.

- Jan 18, Terry Rich invited paddlers to join him for rescue practice.
- Jan 25, Oriental pick-up paddle, Terry Rich
- Feb 2, Oriental pick-up paddle, Larry Summers and Bill Hines
- Feb 9, Trent River, Bridgeton pick-up paddle, Carolyn Borgert

**New Business:** Terry Rich made a suggestion that because this year we are conducting two (2) rescue classes at the YMCA, that we consider increasing our donation to the YMCA to \$200. After a brief discussion, Sherman Hawkins made a motion to make our donation to the YMCA \$200, seconded by Bud Curtis, motion passed.

Another suggestion came forward that any member with an idea or suggestion of a worthy project/endeavor that TRPC can support (financially), within TRPC's by-law guidelines, please present at a future meeting. *[By-laws, Article 5, Membership dues help to support the newsletter, website, conservation, access, and social activities.]*

TRPC t-shirt and hat orders: Doug Rogillio will soon be taking orders for purchase of TRPC t-shirts and hats. Contact Doug ([dougrogillio@gmail.com](mailto:dougrogillio@gmail.com)) for details. Orders must be prepaid.

For anyone interested in sea kayaking, sea or salt marsh paddling, Sherman Hawkins suggested that you check out the following web site <https://chrisrezac.wixsite.com/kayakoceans>.

### Upcoming Paddles and events:

- Mar. 5, Rescue Class #1 @ YMCA indoor pool, Terry Rich and John Bert, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- Mar. 13-15, Merchant's Mill Pond, New Bern Outdoor Adventure Club
- Mar. 19, Rescue Class #2 @ YMCA indoor pool, Terry Rich and John Bert, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- Mar. 27-29, Goose Creek State Park camping/paddling, Bill Webb

### **Standing Committee Reports:** Safety & Training:

Terry shared valuable tips on safe sit-on-top kayaking. (see attachment)

8:10 PM meeting adjourned

Rick Tollmann, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 10 @ 7:00 PM. Craven County Admin. Building, 406 Craven Street, New Bern NC**

## ***Sit on Top Kayaking***

*Follow up on recent rescue practice w/ Fairfield Harbor kayak fishing members*

- *YMCA Pool practice in warm, calm, clear H2O w/ no other obstacles*
- *2 sit on top fishing kayaks w/o gear (rods, batteries, trolling motors, tackle boxes, ect.)*
- *P.F.D.s - immediately after wet exit both self inflating P.F.D.s inflated. This made it almost impossible to reenter so swimmers had to take off their P.F.D.s to reenter.*
- *P.F.D.s - another common issue w/ P.F.D.s is that they are too loose or do not fit (too large) & end up in the swimmers face making self rescue difficult.*
- *Water temperature - often fishermen fish in colder water temps and need proper attire (in <50 degree water a dry suit is a wise choice)*
- *Secure all gear for upset - lash things down to prevent costly spills*
- *Dry Bag - carry a dry bag w/ spare warm clothes , towell & fire starter*
- *False Sence of Security - a wider boat does not mean that it won't turn over. We found it much harder to right an overturned sit on top. You may need a rope apparatus to right and reenter your boat . Best of all, PRACTICE !!!*
- *Paddle Leashes are dangerous and cause intanglement. DO NOT USE THEM!*
- *Keep an area clear of rods or other gear in an area you plan to reenter from.*
- *Practice in deep water so you don't cheat doing self rescues & have a stand by boat if you can.*

*Paddle Safe - Terry Rich*