

Twin Rivers Paddle Club



CRAVEN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

1821 Old Airport Road, New Bern, N.C. 28562

MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2020

President: 6:07 PM, Randy Siler opened the meeting with reports from officers and greeted the seven other members who logged in for a Zoom meeting.

Vice President: Vacant; no report.

Treasurer: Randy reported in the absence of Ellie Toombs that there have been no major expenses. Last month's balance was \$3,506.79 according to the October minutes.

Secretary: Michael Murrie volunteered to serve as secretary this evening and for 2021.

Communications: No report.

Craven County Parks and Recreation: Chris Worsinger reported that the Creekside Park dock upgrade grant was approved. It would include a kayak launch. Parks and Recreation would appreciate the club's input about kayak facilities. Once a contract approved, completion would have a deadline of 18 months. He mentioned that the new Martin Marietta kayak launch has a sliding deck for disabled access. He asked what would be the best way to attach a launch to a dock to be most accessible to launch. Randy mentioned Hammack's Beach State Park launch was a good setup. Terry Rich said Martin Marietta has a grassy area that goes to a canal that is good for launching.

Chris reported that the Nature Park kayak launch is no longer in place because of storm damage. Some pieces were recovered. It needs to be reconstructed. Parks and Rec would appreciate help and suggestions.

Chris noted that the new Parks and Recreation offices have a conference room good for meeting and training when the club resumes in-person activities.

Old Business:

Officers: Randy will continue to serve as president. Mary Traina agreed to serve as the new Treasurer. She is authorized to access the club account and sign its checks. She asked the club to help update her Microsoft Office software at a cost of \$135. There were no objections. Michael Murrie agreed to serve as secretary effective at tonight's meeting. The vice president position remains vacant and needs a volunteer.

Past paddles and events:

Oct. 18, Terry and Carolyn Borgert led a trip to Jones Island.

Nov. 7, Carolyn led a trip to Bear Island

New Business:

Upcoming Paddles and events:

1. The Christmas paddle at Oriental is the evening of Dec. 11 The contact is Larry Summers.
2. There was discussion about the traditional year end social and planning session usually held in December. Mary volunteered her backyard for Sunday, Dec. 13 from 2-4 p.m. at 212 8th St. New Bern. Attendees would wear masks and bring their own food, drink, and chairs. If the weather is bad, the social/planning meeting would switch to a Zoom meeting. Randy and Mary discussed planning an activity that would attract children next year, if COVID restrictions permit.
3. The New Year's Day paddle is set for 2 p.m. Jan 1, 2021, at Jack's Island, Lawson Creek Park.

Standing Committee Reports:

Safety & Training: Terry Rich said he would write about some technical matters he was going to discuss. He also discussed being careful about who goes on certain trips that are more difficult. Discussion suggested making difficulties and warnings more explicit and requiring RSVPs on more difficult paddles to help the leader screen for those who might have endangering difficulty.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.



Michael Murrie, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Social and Planning, Sunday, Dec. 13, 212 8th St. outside, if weather permits. Otherwise meet via Zoom.