

Twin Rivers Paddle Club



CRAVEN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

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

MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2021

President: 6:05 PM, Randy Siler opened the Zoom meeting. Nine members attended. He said Terry Rich checked about the club belonging to American Canoe Association, following up a discussion from the January meeting. He found that all members would have to join for the Twin Rivers Paddle Club to have membership and accreditation. That would not be feasible; however, individual ACA memberships are available.

Vice President: Mark Krcmar agreed to serve. Randy and others discussed duties.

Treasurer: Mary Traina reported the club's current balance is \$4518. As of February, there are two new households for a total of 117 members. Out of that 73 households paid 2021 membership dues.

There was discussion about delays in receiving membership dues checks from the parks department office and confusion about the correct zip code for the department's new address. Mary Traina moved and members approved that in light of delays in forwarding checks, the club delay until March dropping members because of non-payment of dues.

Mary still has difficulty getting authorized to sign checks on the club account and remove an old treasurer, William Sadler, from the account. The delay now seems to be that she cannot reach her contact at the bank who was out for illness.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Communications: Mary said that Bud Curtis sought a replacement as communication coordinator. There was brief discussion about a replacement.

Craven County Parks and Recreation: Chris Worsinger asked whether the club is comfortable resuming the usual spring kayak workshop. He suggested the last two week in April 22 and 29 and May 6 and 13, Thursday evenings. Terry, who usually leads the workshop, asked to delay because of the club's Goose Creek campout. So tentative dates are now May 6, 13, 20, 27. Randy said his traditional student paddle would be May 25, which would work well. Chris said the dates would be fine as long as kayaks are available from Sound Rivers.

He'll forward photos of proposed improvements for a dock upgrade with kayak launch at Creekside Park. He would welcome feedback about the project proposals. He said there may be shortage of about \$9000. The county would probably match contributions. Would club consider helping with the shortfall perhaps up to about \$4000. There was discussion about raising funds from those interested in helping. At this point there would be an announcement on the web site. Contributors could mail checks to the treasurer.

Old Business:

Past paddles and events: None since January 1.

New Business:

Upcoming Paddles and events:

April 24, Carrot Island with departure from Fisherman's Park in Beaufort.

April 30-May 3, Goose Creek camping and paddle. Terry is leading. At least ten signed up. Terry suggests anyone interested reserve a campsite as soon as possible. Saturday would be a guided trip. If not camping, go to Dinah's Landing for the Saturday trip, nine miles north of Washington. Terry also invited the Outdoor Adventure Club, which has less activity since the COVID virus.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

Michael Murrie, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 9 via Zoom.