

Twin Rivers Paddle Club



CRAVEN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

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

MEETING MINUTES July 13, 2021

President: Vice President Mark Krcmar opened the meeting at the offices of the Parks and Recreation Department at 6:12 p.m. with eight members and two guests attending.

Vice President: No report.

Treasurer: Mary Traina emailed a separate report indicating a balance of \$4853.93 and 99 paid members as of July 7.

Secretary: Mike Murrie said he has still not heard about his possible Tuesday evening conflict starting in September. See Communications next paragraph.

Communications: Mike Murrie said he continues to try to keep current material on the home page and drop old material from the website.

Craven County Parks and Recreation: Chris Worsinger said the Parks and Recreation Department's progress on the new dock and Creekside Park will be depend on lumber prices. If prices fall, work may start in next two months. The dock would have cutouts to reduce fishers interfering with traffic. There would be railings for safety especially for children. The left side plastic floating dock would be redone. The department is still considering the design of that area. There would probably be two kayak launches of different styles. Chris also showed a photo of an alligator, seven feet long, at Creekside Park taken this morning. He said the department plans to post warning signs.

Old Business:

Past paddles and events:

- June 10: The final class session had to be cancelled because of weather. Chris called students offer them opportunity to borrow a boat to try.
- June 11: Huggins Island paddle was cancelled due to bad weather.
- July 10: Paddle and a Burger from Creekside Park to Merchants had 19 participants. Carolyn Borgert led.

Review of Beginner Class: In light of the cancelled class sessions, Chris invited students to go on club paddles or borrow boats. Nevertheless, he said they gave good reviews of the class. Next year Chris suggested working with YMCA to do safety and rescues practice for second or third session of the course. Also discussed was a separate safety class. Randy Siler suggested a boat demo after the class and perhaps combine it with a safety session.

New Business:

Upcoming paddles and events:

- July 17: Bear Town Paddle Battles, a race in New Bern that Greg Bachand is entering.
- July 24: Carrot Island / Shackleford Banks, Terry leading.
- July 31: Bear Island , Randy Siler leading.
- August 7: Harkers Island to Cape Lookout, Mark Krcmar leading.
- August 21: Pizza Paddle Glenburnie Park. Carolyn Borgert leading. The meeting approved up to \$400 for the event.

Randy told the club he would forward a letter seeking placement for a French exchange student interested in kayaking.

Randy led a discussion about merging the Twin Rivers Paddle Club with the New Bern Outdoor Adventure Club. Mark Masser, until recently the president of the NBOAC, said it is associated with the city of New Bern. He said the city's recreational priorities shifted over the years away from such clubs. He said NBOAC is 25 years old with membership of 45 households. Some belong to both clubs. He said both clubs had similar membership dues and bylaws. Merging would improve volunteer staffing at community events. Chris said the county would welcome association with NBOAC. Mark and others suggested that officers of both clubs meet to work out details before final approval. Randy said he would send an email to member of both the TRPC and NBOC inviting them to the next meeting of TRPC on August 10 to get a better sense of interest in merging. He would offer a Zoom link to attend the meeting virtually.

The meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Michael Murrie, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. August 10, at the conference room at the office of the Parks and Recreation Department on Airport Road next to Creekside Park. Randy Siler will email a Zoom link for those who want to attend virtually.
