

Twin Rivers Paddle Club



CRAVEN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

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

MEETING MINUTES August 10, 2021

President: President **Randy Siler** opened the meeting at the offices of the Parks and Recreation Department at 6:05 p.m. with introductions of new members. Eleven members, two new members, and two guests from the Outdoor Adventure Club, attended. Randy made the meeting available via Zoom, but there was only one attendee briefly.

Vice President: Mark Krcmar expressed regret that he had to cancel last Saturday's paddle [Aug. 7, Harker's Island / Cape Lookout] due to weather. He hopes to reschedule.

Treasurer: Mary Traina emailed a separate report indicating a balance of \$4833. A few students in the May class paid dues, which included dues for a year. She will extend their memberships for a second year.

Secretary: Mike Murrie will circulate a roster of club members as has been done in past years.

Communications: Mike Murrie said he continues to try to keep current material on the home page, including some upcoming paddles, and drop old material from the website. He does not post some paddles if they have participation limits, notice is late, or bad weather is likely.

Craven County Parks and Recreation: Chris Worsinger said the Parks and Recreation Department is eager to start work on the new dock and Creekside Park but has to clear some legal issues. Also the county may stop hosting meetings of outside groups in county buildings because of increasing COVID cases. If so the club could meet again at a pavilion in Creekside Park as it did earlier this year.

Old Business:

Past paddles and events:

- July 24, Shackleford Banks, 11 participants. They had to drag boats through mud at one point. One kayaker had to be towed. Terry Rich led.
- July 31 Bear Island paddle, six participants. Randy led.

Randy led a discussion about merging the Twin Rivers Paddle Club with the New Bern Outdoor Adventure Club. Earlier today he sent a Google survey to members of TRPC and the Outdoor Adventure Club. Of 14 responses, 13 responded positively. The survey will remain available for another week for others who want to participate. Randy, Mark Masser of the OAC, and others discussed the concerns expressed in the survey, especially keeping the focus of the clubs. They also discussed possible names such as Twin Rivers Adventure and Paddle Club. Officers of both clubs will meet to work out details and revise bylaws before final approval.

New Business:

Upcoming paddles and events:

- August 21: Pizza Paddle Glenburnie Park. Carolyn Borgert is leading. Those attending should notify her to help estimate pizza needed. The park limits the event to 50 attendees.
- August 22: Terry leads four-day paddle/hike trip to Falls Lake Park near Raleigh. See Terry Rich for details and reservation information.
- August 28: Trent River Raft Race.

The meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Michael Murrie, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. September 14, location to be announced.