

Twin Rivers Paddle Club



CRAVEN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

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

MEETING MINUTES October 12, 2021

President: President **Randy Siler** opened the meeting at the offices of the County Parks and Recreation Department near Creekside Park at 6:05 p.m. with eight members and one visitor attending. He thanked members for volunteering to staff the club's Mumfest booth this past weekend. All shifts were covered, most with two volunteers.

Vice President: Mark Krcmar thanked volunteers for Mumfest. He suggested that one volunteer per shift might be sufficient next year.

Treasurer: Mary Traina prepared a separate report indicating a balance of \$4778. The report noted an expense of \$119 for web hosting and \$185 for the Mumfest booth. Mary mentioned a woman who stopped at the booth who works for campgrounds near Havelock and suggested that we could hold paddles there.

Secretary: Nothing new to report.

Communications: Nothing new to report.

Craven County Parks and Recreation: Chris Worsinger said the contractor working for the Parks and Recreation Department started renovation of the dock at Creekside Park that adds handrails for safety and cutouts for fishers so that they don't block people walking along the dock. Chris did want to have a kayak launch that is handicap accessible. He was hoping for a more streamlined approach path and ramp to the dock launch where there is currently a jet ski launch, but it is not likely for this project. It may be in a future project funded differently.

Chris said that Cape Carteret opened a launch on the White Oak River off Highway 58 near the speedway. It might be a place to go for a paddle.

Randy asked about county storage space for club items such as pamphlets and a canopy. Chris said that is possible. Mark Krcmar offered to distribute some trail maps to local businesses that sell kayaks and standup paddle boards. Later he also offered to store pamphlets.

Old Business:

Past paddles and events:

- Sept. 18 Bill Webb and Terry Rich conducted a rescue training near Merchant's.
- Sept. 25 Greg Bachand led a pickup paddle on the Tar River at Yankee Hall Rd., Pactolus, NC, 10 miles west of Washington, NC. Bill Webb had called it, but was injured a day before the paddle.
- Oct. 2 Rick Tollman led a paddle at Core Creek Landing Rd.
- Oct. 9-10 Mumfest [see earlier comments]. Discussed ways to be more effective next year such as reserving a space early at Union Point with adjoining space sufficient to display a kayak.

New Business:

Upcoming paddles and events:

- Oct. 17-22 Terry Rich is leading another camping/paddling at a different site at Falls Lake.
- October 30 Washington waterfront paddle led by Greg Bachand.

General discussion about offering more easy paddles to newcomers and appealing more to those with kayaks with less performance capacity.

The meeting adjourned 7:08 p.m.

Michael Murrie, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. November 9, Craven County
Parks and Recreation Department Offices, 1821 Old Airport Road,
New Bern, NC**