

## *Twin Rivers Paddle Club*



### **CRAVEN COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT**

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

#### **MEETING MINUTES July 12, 2022**

**Vice president** Mark Krcmar opened the meeting at 6.05 p.m. with introductions. Attendance was 14.

**Treasurer:** Mary Traina reported a balance of \$4814.54.

**Secretary:** Nothing new to report.

**Communications:** Mike Murrie and Mary discussed group email procedures and procedures for updating the Google Group mail list and paying dues. Mary said she will create a private Facebook Page for members only.

**Craven County Parks and Recreation:** Chris Worsinger reported 14 students in the paddle class in June. Five became members of the club.

#### **Old Business:**

##### Past paddles and events:

- April 23, Cool Springs, 6 participated
- May 21, Renny Creek, 9 participated
- June 4, Bridgeton, 6 participated
- June 9: Club members helped Randy's class, end-of-school-year paddle
- June 16-20, Carolina Beach camp trip
- June 25 Cahoogue Creek, 8 people participated
- July 4: Club members helped with River Bend celebration
- July 12, Lees Landin,g 9 participate

#### **New Business:**

##### Upcoming paddles and events:

- July 16, Mary Leads Pollocksville
- July 16, Paddle Battle races, Lawson Creek, Greg is participating
- August 20, Yak Attack: Virginia needs help for veterans group event at Jacks Island, Lawson Creek Park, Veterans group from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. She hopes to promote the club and kayaking among veterans.
- September 9-12: Terry Rich is leading a camping/paddle trip to Falls Lake

##### Other Discussion:

- Mary asked about increasing frequency of meetings. Others suggested meeting every other month. Some

suggested meeting next on September 13 to plan Mumfest.

- Members noted a need for more paddle leaders to lead more paddles, especially to encourage new members and beginners. There was discussion of more experienced members partnering with newer members to lead paddles. Mark offered to send email encouraging members to partner in leading paddles.
- Mike Murrie sought a partner who knows the waterways near Emerald Isle to help him co-lead two or three days of paddling in October. He could make a vacation house available for about eight people.

President Randy Siler arrived late. He reviewed other matters recently circulated on the group email:

- Carolyn Borgert took orders for T-shirts. Checks made out to Twin Rivers Paddle Club should be sent to her by July 22. Officers authorized the club to buy extras for new members.
- Carolyn is initiating coffee paddles the first Wednesday of each month starting August 3.
- The club has paid to have a presence at Mumfest, October 8-9. Randy had asked for the exhibit space to be at Union Point.

Randy promised to update club materials such as business cards and brochures in time for the upcoming events such as Yak Attack in August and Mumfest.

Randy proposed buying new, better straps for the Sound Rivers kayaks, often used by the club for classes and special events. Members authorized him to purchase up to \$500 worth of straps and personal flotation devices [PFDs]. He anticipated buying at least 20 straps and eight PFDs, especially some for children.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 13, at the offices of the Craven County Recreation and Parks Department, 1821 Old Airport Road, New Bern, NC.**

Michael Murrie, Secretary