

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
March 1, 2023  
Henrietta Acampora Cottage

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President Dave Lipman opened the General Membership meeting of Suffolk Committee for Camping at 7:30 PM. The salute to the flag was led by Dave followed by a moment of silence.

Board members in attendance: Clare Gunning, Dave Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, Todd Lavender and Ken Weeks.

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Cruisers, Drifters, Polecats, South Shore, Happy Campers, LIBBA, LI Wagoneers, Outsiders Campfire Crew, FBN and Wandering Misfits.

A motion to accept the minutes as read made by John Groves. Seconded by Michael O'Connor.

Membership: Clubs are renewing. Any that haven't are being sent emails to remind them.

Commercial: Four members have renewed. Todd is working on the rest

Kick Off: Club Sales... 5 Clubs have signed up for club sales. 2 commercial members will have tables. Emails went out to anyone else who participated last year.

Entertainment... Yankee Rebel DJ... 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Dave requested the same DJ as last year.

Legislation... Ken was asked for a list of our concerns by the Legislator. He emailed 9 items on a list. Homeless have taken over the electric areas and the area looks like a storage area and construction site, concern over the homeless taking over group areas and where are they getting their green keys, complaints about speed limits and the variations between campgrounds, use of marijuana and families being exposed, why isn't water and electric checked prior to the season, claim that some homeless in arrears on their fees, complaints about reservation system esp. at Smith Point and Cupsogue, people using multiple green keys and moving from one site to another, this year's lottery lack of confirmation response. He got no response. He saw the Legislator a week later and the Legislator said he forwarded the concerns to the Commissioner and his response was that there was only one legitimate complaint. They will all be discussed when the meeting happens. After 5 months runaround the meeting is set for March 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the previous list there's also the 180 days reservation window which is losing county money in group areas, lack of transparency, homeless shouldn't be getting discounts, office procedures in each campground different, no conformity, homeless working on their campers in the campground, how is the pedophile allowed into campground when there's a playground in every campground. Problem with adult child getting separate green key and not being able to camp together. A member wants added to the list that the county was double charging the reservation fee. If you didn't accept what you were given in the lottery they charged your account anyway.

A long long long discussion followed about all the problems with the reservation system and the county parks.

There's a tentative date to close Cathedral Pines after Labor Day this year to install electric.

Good & Welfare: Ed O'Shaunessy's mother died.

Next meeting: April 5th at Henrietta Acampora Cottage

A motion to close the meeting was made by Jamie Amoroso. Second by Kathy Hallock.

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