SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Date: March 3, 2021

Schiff Scout Reservation

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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: Bob Colwell, Clare Gunning, Joe Kukral, Dave Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, Donna O'Shaughnessy, and Ed O'Shaughnessy.

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Friends by Nature, Cruisers, LI Castaways, Polecats, Long Islanders, Mallards, Outsiders, Drifters, LI Campers, The Wandering Misfits, and Toasted Marshmallows.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to accept by Gary Hoffman and second by Joe Loper

Dave announced that we lost Carmella Masem to Covid.

Legislative: Joe Kukral spoke about how SCC works with the county. This has been a working relationship for over 20 years. SCC makes suggestions and are asked for their input but the final decision on the operation of the campgrounds is the County's. The facts are posted by Dave Lipman to facebook pages and in emails to membership. If you decide to go out on your own for your or your group's benefit and it's against what has been worked out and decided between the County and SCC then you are on your own. Do not ask SCC to back you up and help. Joe and Dave are speaking with the County on different levels at least twice a week. It's getting old having people just ignore and doing what they feel is best for them. Someone actually showed up at the office at 8:30am March 1st when it was decided and posted that there would be no walk ins only reservation requests would be accepted by email in the order received.

Membership: Sharynn Lipman is now in charge of membership. She explained why there are membership dues, for example the insurance needed just to have meetings and how your dues are showing support for the blood, sweat and tears shed of the work done.

Dave announced that Ed O'Shaunessy is now the new Treasurer taking Carmella Masem's place.

A financial report was given.

Park Liaison: Dave asked for suggestions for anything the parks may need. . Dump Stations discussed. Piping Plovers need 3000 ft each direction. A long discussion about how the trees are protected, maintained, and can be removed

followed. Many of the trees came down in Southaven with all the storms this winter. Parks have been spoken to about unifying the rules across the parks.

New Business: Member asked if a fall Kick Off could happen. Highly unlikely as there are so many moving parts that members don't realize happen. Brant Brown from NCC invited everyone to the NCC campout.

Good and Welfare: Carmella Masem died of covid. Nancy at Cathedral Pines died of covid. Russell, the parks computer guy, died of covid. Vinny Saccone of the Drifters died from covid. Happy Camper Tommy Akerberg. Richie? is getting a new leg. Frank Schortemeyer, from LIBBA, is in the hospital.

April 1st water should be back on in the parks.

Next meeting: April 7th. Place TBD

50/50 winner: Steve Koepper

A motion to close the meeting made by John Groves. Second by Steve Koepper.

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