

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
April 5, 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: Todd Lavender, Dave Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, Donna O'Shaunessy, Ed O'Shaunessy, Ken Weeks

Clubs Represented: The Long Islanders, Pathfinders, LIBBA, Mallards, Cruisers, Wagoneers, Hooters, Polecats, South Shore, Friends by Nature, Fishing Friends, Drifters.

A motion to accept the minutes as read made by Bob Colwell Seconded by Terry Mackenzie

Correspondence: None

Membership: Long Islanders and the Paumanacks recently rejoined. We are in good shape

Commercial membership: C-YA Action Fun Ware, Grand Am, Ideal Bottle Gas, One Stitch at a Time, Precision Painting, RVMD, Termite Reductions Woodworking, Triple Crown Real Estate, WES Trailers, Tuscany Gourmet Market are the current commercial members.

Scholarship: We have 3 or 4 complete scholarship applications.

Park Liaison: Sharynn and Dave visited all but the outer beach parks. They are all in great shape. They redid the floors in the bathroom at Indian Island. Other than the homeless the parks look good. The homeless brought the tone down with the way they kept their sites.

Kick Off:

Club Sales: There are many club applications in. The Seagulls haven't been heard from yet.

Entertainment: Yankee Rebel for Saturday night. Hoping for same DJ this year.

Dinner: Turkey from Tuscany. He's a commercial member and always does right by SCC.

Fundraisers: Hot Dog Sales, Soda Sales, 50/50 raffle

A financial report was given.

LIBBA: February they did a Christmas Tree project at Smith Point. The birds are already causing problems at the outer beaches. Saturday April 22nd they are having a beach cleanup at Smith Point. Saturday May 6th at Shagwong there's a cleanup.

The pedophile's camper went up in smoke. He is no longer at the parks.

Legislative: Dave and Ken finally had the meeting with the commissioner and the legislative chairman of the parks committee. The day before the meeting Ken was told that a limit had been put on the group areas. Clubs can only use the group areas three times per season. They asked the commissioner if he was saying he was willing to let group areas go empty rather than let clubs book those areas. The commissioner said he was willing to entertain the thought of being able to making a reservation for an empty group area 30 days out over the phone. They discussed the faulty reservation system. The contract with the provider is up at the end of the year and they don't plan to renew. They are taking bids now. Transients as per commissioner, is a legal issue with the state of New York and they have to give them green keys. Ken showed the commissioner pictures of the "transients" sites and expressed the campers complaints of toilet bowls outside doors of campers and ladders and construction equipment on sites. The commissioner said they are renting the site and they can do what they want with it. He said if we want to write legislation and submit it to him he'll turn it into the town attorney to see if it's something that can be done. Dave kept showing the commissioner pics and stating things that have happened. The commissioner denied any knowledge of such incidents. Dave requests that anything you see or that happens document it. Take pictures and write it up. Send it to Ken. A long long discussion followed. Ken is trying to find the laws that are supposedly on the books now. The commissioner is going to speak with the supervisor of the park rangers to see that they are writing up offenders. If we write legislation we have to be very careful that it doesn't come back to bite us. The commissioner blamed a lot of the problems to the inability to find people to work. And the answer to most complaints was you write the legislation. A suggestion was made to come back with written amendments to the rules posted on the reservation website as a starting point. They are looking into installing a spigot by the ash location in Southaven. Any problem you have in a park send an email to Ken and he will send the complaints or requests for work orders to the commissioner and cc the legislative chairman. Requests for work orders should include date, site number, and park.

Cathedral Pines is being shut down after Labor Day to put 80 pull thru sites with electric. The homeless are being put into Southaven this winter even though hunting season will be happening.

A plea was made for people to step up if they have a talent that could help the board in their work.

Lines being done for Kick Off Saturday and Sunday of Mother's Day weekend.

Next meeting: May 3rd at Henrietta Acampora Cottage

A motion to close the meeting was made by Bob Colwell Second by Jamie Amoroso.

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