

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
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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, Todd Lavender, Dave Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, Carmella Masem and Steve Stengel.

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, LI Castaways, Polecats, LIBBA, Friends by Nature, Hooters, Campers of LI, Fishing Friends, and LI Drifters.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to accept as read by Russ Clock, second by Steve Koepper.

Correspondence: A thank you to all the volunteers who worked on Kick Off was received from Ron & Bev Bode of the Campers of LI

LIBBA: 7am-10pm the outer beach at Smith Point is closed due to some fishermen taking the fence down and moving the rocks and going where the piping plovers were. If it happens again the beach will be completely closed. Someone has been cutting the hoses so they removed them for a time. 90 complaint calls came in. All those going out onto the beach are supposed to have their own source of air. They are allowing 600 cars for day tripping. Cupsogue - fisherman were cutting the fence so now they are locking the gate and you have to park and walk to the inlet. There's an end spot at Shinnecock that a trailer can't fit into so the county is moving the fence. There was also a boulder in the middle of the way down to the ocean. People were hitting it with one person taking out their oil pan. Frank and a few others dug it out and pulled it out of the roadway. County will fill in the hole left.

Legislative: Park Commission meeting attended. The resolution to buy furniture and improvements for the parks went further up the chain. The resolution for \$1.5 million for the cleanup of toxic materials was tabled again. County Legislative meeting attended. The resolution to improve the parks with furniture etc. went down in a vote. Joe's been playing phone tag with a Newsday reporter, something about 200 sites being held for attendees of the golf tournament. There was a report that the county is charging a local farmer to let his cattle graze at the North Fork Preserve. His cattle are eating and maintaining the property but the county is complaining about the poop being left behind.

Membership: no change

Commercial membership: no change

Scholarship: Five scholarships were awarded.

Kick Off: The commissioner was there to flip pancakes. Dave thanked the entire board and spouses for what they did to pull it off. Food was plentiful. Club sales were moved into the building. Thanks to Jason Majestic, Kathy Masem, and Total Chaos camping club for donating from their raffles. SCC raised over \$700 from those raffles. The 50/50 brought in \$500. No negatives in the parking. Waiting time was 11 minutes. Everyone was able to get into the park and not lining up on 101.

Park Liaison: The parks are in good shape. The Superintendent of Parks, the Commissioner, and the Deputy Commissioner are pulling employees from wherever to get the job done. The building at Indian Island should be done. The Smith Point bridge will be closed 9 to 3 this Saturday and Sunday. They were spraying the parks, by helicopter, that are near salt water today.

Good and Welfare: Bob Donnelly of the Mallards passed away at Kick Off. A visitor fell inside one of the campers and broke a hip. Dave will be making sure that a map with the KO site numbers is given to the first responders. The Colwell's dogs got loose while Kathy was helping first responders. Ted Matos' mother in law passed away on Mother's Day.

Old Business: Campers of LI have available sites in their group area at Indian Island Aug 9th to Aug 15th. Contact Ron Bode.

New Business: Dave is looking for suggestions for things that the parks need. Indian Island has some trees across from site 102 that need to be cut down.

A financial report was given.

Next meeting: Sept 5th

A motion to close the meeting made by Mike Schmidt. Second by Dave James

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