

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: 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, Fishing Friends, LI Drifters, Mallards, Cruisers, Pioneers, and LI Happy Campers FB group

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to accept as read by Gary Sulz, second by Wayne Zuhoski.

Legislative: Dave reports that he received a phone call from one of the campers that there was a level 2 registered sex offender camping in one of the parks. He checked and found out that they are allowed to camp but they must report in at the campground with the Suffolk County Park Police. Problem is we don't have any park police. Joe brought this problem up before the Parks and Recreation committee meeting and requested a verbiage change in the law. He was referred to the legal advisor and the commissioner to find all the places in the law where it has to be changed to Park Ranger. Again, the bond issue for the 1.5 million clean up was tabled. A judge has ordered the offenders that were found guilty to clean up the parks within 60 days or they will be held personally responsible. Funds for the boathouse repair at the Vanderbilt Museum were tabled. They authorized the use of Smith Point County Park for the holiday light show. The park will close November 1 with the light show starting December 1.

We were supposed to have a guest speaker, Stefanie Rosen, but she's stuck at the Legislative meeting. She wanted to talk to us about the \$150k that they want to get put into the parks, especially for furniture for the new check in building at Indian Island, fire rings, but the legislature keeps holding it up. She's looking for a show of support at the County Legislative meeting on October 2 @ 4pm, at the Rose Caracappa Auditorium, William Rogers Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Hauppauge. They would like a few people in the audience who say they are in favor of the resolution. It's harder to say no if interested constituents are in the audience. Member asked about the North Fork Preserve but money available is being used for the parks we have already.

LIBBA: Cupsogue changing sites at the new section. Montauk fixed their air chucks. Smith Point were fixed by Frank's brother. Dredging is going to be done at Smith Point. Hopefully outer beach camping will stay open after November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Park Liaison: All parks will be open except Smith Point until Veterans Day. If they find there will be massive freezing they will shut the water off.

Dave reports that the number one complaint this year is that the generator hours are not being observed.

They are going to be bringing the reservation system down for enhancements. They hope to have it back up by February. You should be able to make 3 reservations, 2 regular and 1 holiday choice, per month. So you can make 3 reservations in Feb, 3 reservations in March and so on. One person with the group household number can be online at a time. If two people are using the household number online at the same time they will be both be kicked off and they will lose whatever is in their cart. Individuals with individual household numbers cannot make a group area reservation. A lengthy discussion of the reservation system took place.

Indian Island new building should be open within the next two weeks with or without furniture.

A financial report was given.

Old Business: none

New Business: Member reported on problems at Cedar Point. There are no fire rings in the park. There was evidence of at least 6 ground fire areas in Group Area A that were not cleaned up. They are not cleaning up the garbage. The guy at the registration office is telling everyone about the glamping units that are coming. Even though it was announced in the newspapers it is not a done deal. They are still in negotiations. It's supposed to be between group area A and the parking lot. Lengthy discussion followed.

The North Fork Preserve is going to have to redo the map as the DEC came in and discovered there's a lot more water than the planning maps show.

Member complained that at the staircase to the tent area at Smith Point has no lighting and there are tons of poison ivy there.

Member reported that there are two more trash cans in the group area at Southaven. Also complained that the electric in group area 3 at Indian Island kept popping the breakers.

All park managers are having a meeting Sept 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss uniform rules in the parks.

The site numbers in Southaven on the road need to be redone.

50/50 drawing was won by Gary Hoffman. He donated the proceeds back to the scholarship fund. Thanks to Rich Coccozza for protecting the munchkins.

Next meeting: October 3<sup>rd</sup>

A motion to close the meeting made by John Groves. Second by Rich Coccozza.

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