

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 6, 2023
Henrietta Acampora Cottage

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

Board members in attendance: Clare Gunning, Todd Lavender, Donna O'Shaunessy, Ed O'Shaunessy, and Ken Weeks.

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Mallards, Hooters, LIBBA, Polecats, South Shore, Drifters, Friends by Nature & FCRV.

A motion to accept the minutes as read made by Jamie Amoroso. Seconded by Gail Spillet.

A financial report was given.

Old Business: none

New Business: Gail Spillet had a problem with a camper riding through their group area and after asking nicely for him to stay out. He harassed them for days even after the rangers spoke with him. She asked for someone to find out if the group areas are private. There is differing opinion. He threatened her and her family and harassed their group and she was afraid for the rest of their stay.

Ken spoke of the deterioration of family camping in Suffolk County and the response by the Parks Commissioner. The AIR BNB that is operating at Smith Point and is under investigation. The increase in thefts at Smith Point. The latest ones were committed by fellow campers. A tent set up a camera and caught them on it and called the rangers and the thieves were caught. One of them assaulted a ranger. Transient problem was discussed. Outsiders taking up all the parking spots at the beach at Indian Island was discussed.

Cedar Beach still has no compressor. LIBBA has offered to do it. The county doesn't want to do it. FYI All the compressors at all the outer beaches are maintained by LIBBA not the county.

Cathedral Pines is closed now and will not reopen until after Memorial Day. They are putting in 82 pull thru electric sites, 4 new gazebos, and field A is where the new maintenance building will be.

They are rebuilding the jetties at Indian Island. Rumor is they will pave the road down to the beach.

Southaven will be closed for the Christmas lights.

Smith Point and Indian Island will not be closing this year to accommodate the transient campers.

A discussion followed on how they are getting green keys, rates they pay, etc.

You can't fight city hall except in November. So make sure you vote.

Correspondence: A thank you was received from Ron & Bev Bode for the wonderful job the volunteers and SCC board did.

Kick Off: Have no idea the status of Kick Off next year. The Board is working on it. Pictures of KickOff 2023 as of today are up on the SCC website. The County guys did a wonderful job dealing with moving tables in and out to save the weekend with the torrential rain. They do a lot more without fanfare. A shout out to Terry MacKenzie who washed every pot and dish that the kitchen crew used. She helped at registration and then had more energy to expend. The need for a brand new coffee machine next year was discussed.

Hooters looking for who to contact to donate something to Indian Island. Told to wait till after November. All offers have been turned down by this administration.

Next meeting: October 4th at Henrietta Acampora Cottage

A motion to close the meeting was made by Gail Spillet. Second by Kim Paton.

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