

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Date: October 2, 2019  
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Vice President Bob Colwell opened the General Membership meeting of Suffolk Committee for Camping at 7:30 PM. The salute to the flag was led by Bob followed by a moment of silence.

Board members in attendance: Bob Colwell, Clare Gunning, Joe Kukral, Todd Lavender, Carmella Masem, Ed O'Shaughnessy, and Stephen Stengel.

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Polecats, Hooters, Cruisers, Mallards, Friends By Nature, LIBBA, LI Drifters, LI Allegros, and Poconuts

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to accept as corrected by Kathy Colwell and second by Gary Sulz.

Correspondence: none

Legislature: A gentleman brought a complaint about not being able to hook up to the water at the dump station at Indian Island. Commissioner is supposed to look into whether there's a health concern with that in addition to the size of the dump's tank, which the man didn't want to hear. Mini golf course is being built at Indian Island Golf Course. It should be done by March 2020. A shuttle bus is being planned to run from the campground to the mini golf course. At Cupsogue an ADA walkway has been put in place. The Commissioner said there is no real way to remove a person who's a problem from a park. He is looking to set something up in writing so the parks can do this. There are rules in place but nothing in writing saying what they can do about rule breakers. Cathedral Pines is scheduled to close on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The transient people and where they'll go was discussed. Cell phone towers are going to go up and the revenue is supposed to remain with the Parks Department. The only campgrounds that they are planning to put cell towers into are Cedar Point, Smith Point, and Cupsogue. County is passing legislation to make balloon releasing illegal. There was a problem reported about Shinnecock involving Jimmy Fallon, a large generator and a couple being asked to give up the spot they were in. The couple did not get the name of the person at the park. It is important that if you report a problem at a park you get the name of the person you talked to. The website reservation system is being upgraded. It will be up and running soon. Third House County Park is being considered as a venue to rent out for parties. Water will be turned off in the parks after Veteran's Day.

Dave's Report: Cedar Point dead tree tops will be looked at and taken care of. Glampers are supposed to park in visitor parking. The answer from the county on the lady chasing people saying it was private property was that it's County land. Joe Kukral will look into whether they can chase people. Cat Pines outlet in the ladies room has been fixed. The reservation system should be back up on

Thursday, faster and with other things. Parks will be open until Veterans Day except Smith Point and that will close Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>.

LIBBA: Air compressor at Shinnecock has been fixed. Two brand new compressors at Smith Point were taken apart by maintenance and are still that way. Most of the outer beaches are closed due to the New Moon causing high tides.

Commercial: no report

Membership: Due December 1<sup>st</sup>, \$ 3 per family not to exceed \$50 plus a roster individual membership is \$ 7

Old Business: There was a heated discussion and it was requested that SCC, Dave, and Joe look into the rules of renting the building at Cathedral Pines and whether you have to have a group camping reservation to get the building with a SCC discount or pay full rate or be allowed at all to rent the building. Labor Day there was a club who had a group camping reservation and paid the \$70 non refundable fee and the \$80 reservation deposit and rented the building at the SCC rate. The other club there did not have a group camping reservation but was able to rent the building at the SCC rate. They didn't make the group camping reservation as they didn't want to pay the \$70 non refundable or lose the \$80 as they didn't have the required 10 campers. Members say that the original premise was you had to be camping on a group camping reservation to rent the building.

New Business: There are 2 West Nile cases in Suffolk County and Bill LeCluse of the LI Drifters was one of them. His wife warned everyone to be aware of any physical symptoms, especially high fever.

Next meeting: November 6th

A motion to close the meeting made by Sheryl Hoffman. Second by Kathy Colwell.

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