

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
October 5, 2022
Henrietta Acampora Cottage

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President Dave Lipman opened the General Membership meeting of Suffolk Committee for Camping at 7:31 PM. The salute to the flag was led by Dave followed by a moment of silence.

Board members in attendance: Clare Gunning, Todd Lavender, Dave Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, and Ken Weeks

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Cruisers, LIBBA, Drifters, Hooters, FBN and Outsiders.

A motion to accept the minutes as read made by Eileen Lavender. Seconded by John Groves.

Dave announced that due to Bob Colwell retiring from the Board, he has appointed two new Vice Presidents. Ed O'Shaunessy now holds the positions of VP and Treasurer. Ken Weeks is the other new VP and also the Legislative Chairman.

Park Liaison: Dave has spoken to the supervisor at Cedar Point and he is aware that they have a problem. The transients from the city that are causing the problems have a facebook page where they are telling their members where to go and what to do. They have been coming in at ungodly hours, in the middle of the night, and setting up in the group areas. He has been giving tickets and throwing them out of the park. If you are camping out there and have a problem contact him and he will deal with it immediately.

The Parks Department had decided to cancel the last week of camping at Smith Point. Complaints came into SCC. The legislator, LIBBA, Newsday, and News12 were notified. The Girl Scouts decided to cancel their request to set up the Christmas light show early.

Legislative: SCC & LIBBA posted on facebook the numbers for the disgruntled campers to call. There were thousands of phone calls. Legislator Picarella contacted Ken to find out why his phone was ringing off the hook. Within a short time the decision to shut down the camping early at Smith Point was rescinded. A discussion followed about the Girl Scouts using the campgrounds. The legislative camping committee met and Ken was told no new rules have been made.

There was a long discussion about the hacking of Suffolk County government. It has affected all departments of the government. There doesn't seem to be a resolution of the problem in sight.

Legislator Picarella, when he was here, made up a bullet point list of things to discuss with the Parks Department Commissioner. He has spoken with the Commissioner. He is willing to work with us but no meeting has been arranged as yet.

Good and Welfare: Ed O'Shaunessy is in the hospital having had back surgery. It was Todd Lavender's birthday a week ago.

Next meeting: November 2nd Henrietta Acampora Cottage in Room 2, the back room.

A motion to close the meeting made by John Groves. Second by Kim Paton

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