

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 2, 2022
Henrietta Acampora Cottage

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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, Todd Lavender, Dave Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, and Ed O'Shaunessy

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Cruisers, Drifters, Hooters, FBN, LI Castaways, South Shore, and Mallards.

A motion to accept the minutes as read made by John Groves. Seconded by Kathy Hallock.

A financial report was given.

The process has started to stage Kick Off 2023. Dave filed the application this morning. Lines will be painted Mother's Day. Smith Point is closed for the season. The rest of the campgrounds that close for winter will be closing on November 11th.

Park Liaison: Be careful at the parks with the leaves coming down. Combining that with the rain the roads are very slippery. The parks departments computer system will be back up and running on Friday. Each county department has at least one email working. They are all working on an intranet system and not the internet.

Old Business: Garbage cans were overflowing in the group areas at Southaven. The staff were driving right by claiming they had no black bags.

Commercial: nothing new to report.

Membership: Forms are available for all.

Club Sales: Time to start thinking about this as Black Friday is coming up. Don't forget all sales must be run past the club sales committee so there are no duplicate items.

New Business: Members questioned what was the parks department going to do about the marijuana being smoked in the park. They feel it should be banned as is alcohol. Dave is going to question the new security chief.

With the new head of security a bunch of rangers have moved up in rank. They have full training and deserve to be moved up.

Member requested that they have one of the park supervisors experienced with group areas be in on the lottery since no one in the office has the experience. Last year there were many empty group areas. Dave reports that Legislator Anthony Piccirillo will request a meeting with the Parks Commissioner after the election.

The lottery and the fact that the system at 180 days is ruining the group camping was discussed. Either they should move back to 90 days or do both with the same timing.

KickOff is May 18th through the 21st. Registration is open 9am until 8pm. A member requested closing registration earlier. A request was made to do the lines on Saturday instead of Mother's Day. Clean up of the building has not been scheduled yet.

Good & Welfare – Phil Pereira & Melissa Lopez got married two weeks ago. John Hallock turned 21 and has moved from the parks department to DPW. Sharynn Lipman got into an car accident.

Next meeting: February 1st at Henrietta Acampora Cottage

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

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