

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Date: November 6, 2019
HOLTSVILLE ECOLOGY SITE

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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, Dave Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, Donna O'Shaughnessy and Ed O'Shaughnessy.

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Polecats, Hooters, Cruisers, Mallards, Friends by Nature, LI Drifters, LI Castaways, LI Campers and The Long Islanders.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to accept as corrected by John Groves and second by Gary Hoffman.

Dave advised that the Holtsville Ecology site is no longer being rented out for night meetings. Our next and all following meetings will be held at the Blue Point Rec Center, Henrietta Acampora Cottage, 39 Montauk Hwy, Blue Point, next to the King Kullen shopping center. East of Nicholls Rd.

Legislature: No proposed price increases for the 2020 season. Over the winter Dave and Joe will sit down with the Commissioner to create a set of rules in black and white for the campgrounds that have to be followed and not left up to the discretion of the park rangers. Cathedral Pines is not closing this year. There was a problem. Revenue was good within the parks system. Commissioner has submitted his budget and it's been approved. They are reviewing the group areas usage this past season. They may break up the group areas. Have not decided on the group reservations for next year. Cathedral Pines is 7 days in/7 days out. Long termers will be moving between Indian Island and Cathedral Pines. No movement on the North Fork Preserve as the breach happened out by Shinnecock and the money that was earmarked for North Fork was diverted. All the activities and events at the different parks can be found on the Parks Department website or Facebook page. Third House in Montauk is presently being renovated. It may be available for rentals. It hasn't been decided. Cedar Point is going to have some pull through sites made up from lightly used sites.

Dave advised the new people at the meeting looking for clubs to come to Kick Off. It's the best place to check out the different clubs and see who's a match for what they are looking for.

Park Liaison: Cathedral Pines is looking good. Dave asked about painting lines for parking near the basketball court. They'll look into it. The outlet in the shower was fixed. At Southaven concrete was put around the dump station as requested. The trees at issue at Indian Island are handled. Cones in the group areas to control traffic are not allowed. Coordinating the speed signs will be

under discussion over the winter. Stop sign tickets are being given out at Indian Island. Beware. Smith Point bird sanctuary at the end of the campground needs to be refurbished. Campers taking down and burning snow fencing at Smith Point. Possible Southaven fire pits were discussed. Garbage pickup at Southaven was discussed. Use of the Activity Building at Cathedral Pines without a group reservation is under investigation. Joe and Dave have both spoken to the Parks Department.

New Business: Complaint about camper courtesy during the Long Island Campers event at Indian Island. Parents need to start teaching their children camping etiquette. Groups need to be proactive with the members about this. A member volunteered to put together a pamphlet that could be put in the goodie bags at Kick Off. Looking for new activities for teens at Kick Off.

Good & Welfare: Ed Davis of the WinnieTascas passed away. Carmella Masem fell off a stepstool and is in rehab with multiple injuries.

Next meeting: February 5th at Henrietta Acampora Cottage, 39 Montauk Hwy, Blue Point.

Kick Off Date: May 15-17. Applications will go out in email.

Applications for employment at the parks are on the table. The reason the parks aren't fully staffed is they don't have the people.

50/50 winner is Mike Schmidt.

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

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