SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING March 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: Bob Colwell, Clare Gunning, Dave Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, Donna O'Shaunessy, Ed O'Shaunessy and Phil Pereira.

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Mallards, Cruisers, Carefree Campers, South Shore, LI Castaways, Polecats, Beachwave, Smoreowns, Long Islanders, Wandering Misfits, Outsiders, Friends by Nature, Seagulls

A motion was made by John Groves to accept the minutes. Seconded by Liz Pagan.

Topics: Phil said the most frequent complaint was about slide functioning. He advised that campers should not be greasing their slides. Dirt and grime builds up. You should use Dry Lube. Available at Lowes or Home Depot.

Membership: Most of the clubs have paid their dues. Thank you for your support.

Commercial Membership: We have a few new commercial members. Todd is reaching out to the existing members and the renewals are slowly coming in.

Scholarship: We have nothing at this time.

Park Liaison: The parks are in pretty good shape. Tree removal of damaged trees done at Sears Bellows. They are moving on to other parks.

Kick Off:

Entertainment: Band: Southbound DJ: 4th Generation

Dinner: Steak and lots of food. Fundraisers: Hot Dogs Sales and Soda Sales

Club Sales: A great way to check out other clubs. You must volunteer for some job during the weekend in order to be allowed to do a club sale. Clubs doing sales include Friends by Nature, Hooters, Mallards, Pathfinders, Polecats, Seagulls, South Shore Camping Club, Suffolk District FCRV, Wagoneers, Triple Crown Real Estate.

Jobs to fill form is highlighted with the last job your club did. Please verify that this is the job you are still willing to do.

There is a rumor that NCC is losing the building at Battlerow and that the county is taking it over. This is NOT true. Please correct anyone that you hear saying it.

There was a discussion of the group reservation submissions that were done March 1st. No one liked how it went. You were submitting your forms blindly.

You had no idea what was available. It was basically another lottery. There is no where to check what's available.

There was a problem with groups leaving without paying. It was not any of our groups. Make sure your members register at the front office. If the office is closed when you arrive you must go down the next morning.

Old Business: The numbers were repainted at Smith Point. The tables are being fixed with rebuilt tops. Dave is looking into the solar lighting issue. Bob Colwell spoke Legislator Picarello, head of the parks committee. Bob has asked if he could do something on our behalf to relay our desire to work with this Parks Commissioner as we have for the past 30 years.

New Business: There is a glass shortage in US. A member complained about camping next to a full timer, with piles of plywood, insulation, junk metal, tarps. It's like camping in a junk yard. There are 52 homeless in the parks. It used to be 12. Member asked how are they getting a green key. Some of them are even operating their businesses from there with their crew coming in each morning. Complaint about no lights at night at bathroom at Indian Island. What happened with the electric at Cathedral Pines? Why does the reservation system say each individual site at Cathedral Pines has water on site?

You need to step up and volunteer for KickOff jobs. Every person working at KickOff is a volunteer. Without the volunteers there would be no KickOff.

A financial report was given.

Good and Welfare: Dave & Sharynn are now officially living at their new home. It's Bob Gunning's 75th birthday today.

Next meeting: April 6th Henrietta Acampora Cottage

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

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