

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Date: November 7, 2018
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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, Todd Lavender, Dave Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, Carmella Masem and Steve Stengel.

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

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to accept as read by Gary Sulz, second by Wayne Zuhoski.

Correspondence: From Smith Point hoping campers enjoyed the season and that they are only a success because of the campers. They welcome the constructive criticism from the campers.

Legislative: From the budget meeting, the Commissioner says there are no proposed increases in any fees.

Membership: nothing
Scholarship: nothing

Park Liaison: Southaven and Smith Point are closed for season. The rest of the parks are shutting down November 15. The only parks remaining open will be Cathedral Pines and Indian Island.

Old Business: The reservation system is going to be shut down. An email will be sent from the parks about the reservation system within 2 weeks. Their testing has been successful. The county is trying to determine who are real clubs. Discussion followed about how the group reservation may work. Complaints discussed how the system doesn't lock out other people once you put a site in your cart. Campers would like to be assured while they are putting in credit card info that the site is theirs instead of locking it in when they hit the submit button. Saving credit card info on the reservation site discussed as an option.

Good & Welfare: One of the park rangers is in financial distress due to medical issues. Motion made by Bob Gunning, then amended by John Groves to make a \$100 donation. All were in favor.

A financial report was given.

NCC Treasurer Brant Brown explained what the dues include if your club joined NCC. They are looking for more campers. Their numbers are down.

New Business: The Campers of Long Island have disbanded. There are only 2 members left. At Cathedral Pines, National Grid is running a new gas line to the back building and a new water line. The gas main is to replace propane tanks. It'll be a couple of years. Member mentioned that new fans at Cathedral Pines only have two speeds, blow you out the door and no affect at all. It was also brought up that everyone who uses the equipment in the building needs clean up after they use said equipment. Years back when we paid for the building but had to give a deposit which was given back if building and equipment left clean, the building was in better condition.

A member complained about the seven camper requirement for Indian Island Grp area 4, people walking through the group area to get to playground, and letting their dogs go in the group area and not cleaning up. Also brought up was the state of the picnic tables throughout the parks and the lack of garbage cans in the parks. Members requested ash barrels in Indian Island.

Next meeting: February 6, 2019

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

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