

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
March 6, 2024  
Henrietta Acampora Cottage

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Vice President Ken Weeks opened the General Membership meeting of Suffolk Committee for Camping at 7:30 PM. The salute to the flag was led by Ken followed by a moment of silence.

Board members in attendance: Clare Gunning, Todd Lavender, David Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, Donna O'Shaunessy & Ken Weeks.

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Drifters, Cruisers, LIBBA, LI Wagoneers, Polecats, Long Islanders, Mallards, Smoreons, Friends By Nature, Blue Ovals, and Wandering Misfits.

A motion to accept the minutes as read made by John Groves. Seconded by Bob Fraccalvieri.

KickOff: It is a go! It may not be the kickoff as we know. Everything with KickOff is fluid. We should be able to put the tent in the same spot. Horseshoe pits are gone. The band will be "Just 60's". Dinner will be some kind of chicken. They went to the restaurant show last weekend. We can accommodate 300 rigs.

At the meeting with the county there were two ladies from the office, seven county field staff, and the project manager. The ladies from the office offered Southaven Park as an alternative to Cathedral Pines which SCC turned down. No one has ever measured to see if 400 rigs could fit in there and the lake is a safety issue. The guys from the field are totally behind KickOff happening at Cathedral Pines. The office ladies were surprised to see how all the field staff were bending over backwards to make kickoff happen and they had no choice as they were under orders to follow what the field staff said. They feel the park will be done in time. The guys who've worked at Cat Pines for years knew what SCC needs and they are very supportive. We've got the building, showmobile can work, tent is a go. We can take reservations for 300 and a waiting list after that. There are no dump stations right now but they should be in by end of month. There are about a hundred registered already. If there are areas that are restricted group leaders are asked to make sure your members abide by that restriction.

Club Sales: Friends by Nature are doing a bbq, Pathfinders are doing Suffolk County Parks gift certificate, camping basket and light up tubes, Polecats doing burn barrel, South Shore doing lottery ticket tree, Wagoneers doing anti gravity chairs, table and basket, Termite Productions Woodworking is donating an item to be raffled.

Anyone else that is still thinking of doing make sure you contact Sharynn Lipman to make sure your item is cleared. We don't like to have duplicates.

Membership: Emails went out to clubs. It's important to get that in with your roster form.

Commercial: 8 memberships are in. Waiting for 8 renewals. Todd is looking to recruit one of the camper detailers that he sees posting on facebook. If anyone can help please do.

A financial report was given.

Scholarship: Two completed applications have been received. Deadline is March 30.

Park Liaison: Dave went through Smith Point, Cat Pines, and Indian Island. Smith Point and Indian Island were really crowded every other week with the same trailers. Cathedral Pines is planned for one way streets. All the water is in and on. Electric conduits in.

Ken has not had the opportunity yet to discuss the reservation system, the new group rules or the separate green keys for two campers in the same house. That's on the agenda for the next meeting. A long discussion followed about the new group camping rules and how the county will be losing money if they stay in place. They have already had an effect on the group reservations being made or not made.

Next meeting: April 3, 2024 at Henrietta Acampora Cottage

A motion to close the meeting was made by John Groves. Second by Terry Mackenzie

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