

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 1, 2024
Henrietta Acampora Cottage

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

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

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Drifters, Cruisers, LIBBA, Wagoneers, Friends By Nature, Hooters, Mallards, and Polecats.

A motion to accept the minutes as read made by Megan LeCluse. Seconded by Jim Maier.

Legislative: Ken had a meeting with the new commissioner. They had a good meeting. He has no camping experience but is willing to learn. He's been invited to KickOff. He admits he's a revenue person. He has an interest in Smith Point. He wants to increase security at the parks. He wants to have 24/7 patrols. He wants rules enforced. Ken went over our list of our complaints. Told him our reasons against the 7 day in and out rule. The Commissioner would not share where he got the info but he said he believes the 7 day rule came about because of squatters being able to lay claim to a site after 7 days and refusing to move. He will check with the legal department about that and maybe they'll be a change to the rule. He said he's been left with a lot of stuff on his desk.

Dave then spoke about the campground rules. One of the rules that has been clarified is your members have to be there for the length of the stay but on the last day if a member wishes to leave one night early but has paid for it that's ok. The other is if you come early or stay late you will do it separately on your green key and pay a \$3 walk up fee. The day the group reservation starts you must go back up to the office and register with the group.

There was a trailer fire at Southaven Park. The fire marshall said it was a propane leak fire. Ken warned the Commissioner about the winter season with the transients having multiple tanks outside their campers. This is a time bomb waiting to happen.

The county has ordered a new reservation system for \$700,000. Commissioner asked Ken if he'd be willing to test it when it's installed. Installation next year.

Membership: We're good. Thank you all for your support.

Commercial: Todd is waiting to hear from Ideal Bottle Gas, Travel America, Triple Crown, and RV MD. Two reups are Deangelis RV and Thrifty Beverage.

Scholarship: There are two applicants who will receive their awards at KickOff.

Park Liaison: Cathedral Pines is looking really good. Paving of roads is done. The dump stations are in. The hill at Cat Pines is now volleyball, bocce and

horseshoe courts. The main bathroom at Indian Island is closed for repairs. Dog crap goes into your garbage. Don't leave little bags out and expect staff to pick up. You need to settle your account out for your group as early as you can.

President Ed O'Shaughnessy asks please speak to your members and make sure any complaints or problems they have to submit them through SCC. We are making progress dealing with the new commissioner and we don't want that progress to be derailed.

KickOff: There are many spots available. A little over 250 registered. A lot of the food service jobs are open. Sign up sheets up front. Field lines are going to be done 5/11 & 5/12 6am. Entertainment is Just 60s. Clubs will be getting an email from Sharynn referencing the times and ticket prices, \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 8. Please put the name of your club on the back of your ticket.

LIBBA: Beach clean up Saturday Montauk. Doing air compressors tomorrow.

Old business: none

New business: Hooters wish to donate a giant Adirondack chair to a park. They want approval from County before proceeding. SCC encouraged them to contact the county directly. SCC leadership feels they should not get involved with this at this point.

Announcements:

Walmart donation is a work process for KickOff. So far have BBQ, Fire Ring, things for children's baskets, and goodie bags. Some will be door prizes. Some may be raffled off. Requests that members made at last meeting for products and location changes in store are being addressed.

Kim asked for the Board to be recognized for all the time and hard work they put in.

Next meeting: June 5, 2024 at Henrietta Acampora Cottage

A motion to close the meeting was made by Megan LeCluse. Second by John Groves.

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