

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
June 4, 2025
Henrietta Acampora Cottage

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President Edward 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: Jim DeMartini, Steve Doner, Clare Gunning, Todd Lavender, Donna O'Shaughnessy, Edward O'Shaughnessy & Ken Weeks.

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

Motion made to accept the minutes as read by Mike O'Connor. Second by Gail Spillet.

Correspondence: Email received from MaryAnn McAlpin resigning her position on the board.

Membership: We have 16 clubs. 3 have not paid their dues.

Commercial: We did get one more commercial member as of KickOff. Thanks goes out to Jason Ng, who is a commercial member, who behaved more like a board member during kickoff. He was there for lines, check in, fixing stuff, cleaning stuff, he was in the kitchen the whole time.

Scholarship: There were two scholarships handed out. One to Brian Hoffman and the other to Zoey McAlpin.

Park Liaison: Will meet with Commissioner shortly. Will discuss the ever changing requirements for payments for the group camping. Problems whether they accept checks, cash or credit cards, 45 day roster requirements, substitutions, walk ups etc.

Member brought up the problem with husband making reservations and wife not being allowed to check in or vice versa. Also the adult children living in house having their own trailer but can't use at same campground. That the county has said that and other problems can't be addressed until they get new system.

Still problems with dogs not leashed at campgrounds.

The activity center opened up at Smith Point. There is a tv, fake fireplace, a video game, something else and a lady that sits at a desk. You have to sign in. You must be a registered camper. You can't just walk in off the street. It's open for children and adults.

The bathrooms are still nice.

KickOff: Bills are still being paid. The number we had was well under what we had told the county we'd have. They were understanding under the circumstances. We only had to pay for 195 rigs, instead of the 250 we promised.

We were able to get golf carts from an outside vendor and they were much nicer than the county gators. They did cost \$3100. We got great comments about the kids games. People liked the food. A lot of people came down to volunteer who hadn't offered prior. The band was very well received. They offered a wide variety of genres that seem to appeal to more people. People came down to listen and dance to the music who never had before. We got lucky with the tent this year. Next year, the location will be a challenge.

Jim DeMartini donated a wooden flag to raffle off for scholarship. It made \$142. Not having goodie bags worked out quite well this year for check in. Most people throw the stuff out.

It's the same groups every year that we have a generator problem after hours with.

New business: Complaint concerning the air compressors at the beach. The lines could be run from the building. Are they replacing the dump station at Shinnecock?

Good and Welfare: Frank Aron with a Friends by Nature connection has passed.

Next meeting is Sept 3rd. 7:30pm

A motion was made to close the meeting by Gail Spillet. Second by Mike O'Connor

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