

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
September 4, 2024  
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: Clare Gunning, Donna O'Shaughnessy, Edward O'Shaughnessy & Ken Weeks.

Clubs Represented: Pathfinders, Drifters, Cruisers, LI Wagoneers, Mallards, and Hooters.

A motion to accept the minutes as read made by Gail Spillet. Seconded by Megan LeCluse.

Correspondence: Letter read from Sharynn Lipman resigning her post of Membership Chair. Letter read from David Lipman resigning his post of Campground Liaison Chair.

Legislative: Dave and Sharynn were thanked for their years of service. Ken met with the new Parks Commissioner. Unfortunately, the meeting was cut short as this was the day the dam broke in Blydenburgh and Smithtown was flooded.

The county has signed contracts to have all the bathrooms at Smith Point redone. County has budgeted for 100 park rangers during the camping season. Only 41 have responded and been hired. They feel starting salaries are too low. County is planning on installing a spray park next to the playground at Smith Point. Ken suggested they need to do something about the teen bullies at the kids playground. The pavilion where you pull in, is being converted into a activity center for the kids. It will only be open when there is a county employee there to monitor what's going on.

At Cathedral Pines, they plan on dividing up the building with the kitchen on one side and an activity center on the other side. The activity center will have ping pong table and pinball machines. The pinball machines will be contracted where the county shares revenue with the vendor. When it comes time for Kick Off Commissioner will meet with Ed & Ken to go over the plans for the building. They also want to put a spray park in the park. There is also an permanent outdoor stage planned.

The topic of transients was discussed. Commissioner says everyone has a right to use the parks but Ken pointed out that they need to play by the same rules that we have to follow. The commissioner says he is cracking down on the rules for everyone. Ken noticed a difference at Indian Island, that sites were having to be cleaned up of commercial clutter. At Southaven Ed said he witnessed a 7 hour stand off where a transient refused to move camper that was over the line of his site, rangers were called, commissioner was contacted and he had them thrown out of the park.

In response to his field worker's complaints of picking up buckets filled with feces and urine and garbage bags with hypodermic needles, the commissioner has order a crackdown on any trash left in a site after you leave your site. The first

fine is \$125 and if it isn't paid they won't be allowed to check in to any other site. After 2 fines it's a 3 year green key suspension. The lady at Smith Point who was using 7 different green keys and disguises was thrown out of park. She was back on Smith Point fb page showing she was back at the park. The commissioner monitors the Smith Point facebook page and had rangers throw her out. She is now facing court charges. Member questioned how can her camper be there for more than a week. There doesn't seem to be a way to check that in the system.

Kick Off: We don't have a commitment on the park yet. Since Dave and Sharynn have stepped down, Ed is asking for everyone's help. The work will be divided up into committees.

A financial report was given.

Old Business: Ed requested from member a copy of the DSS rules applying to the visits to clients required that she brought up at last meeting. Ken says county is denying that DSS is getting the green keys for their clients but will look into it. There is a church group that's sponsoring transients. Discussion of the easy form used for settling payment at Southaven not accepted at Indian Island. Complaints about the electric bikes, scooters speeding through the campgrounds.

New Business: We have the following positions that now need to be filled: Treasurer, Membership Chair, and Park Liaison. Donna O'Shaunessy stepped up and will take Membership Chair. Member reports there's a huge hole as you go into Smith Point Campground. Also the greenery has grown up around the electric poles and you have difficulty plugging in. Members complained about dogs barking non stop, cars driving through group areas, parks staff not caring. If you see something say something. Also complaints about rental companies renting sites.

Hooters donated a 8 ft Adirondack Chair to Cathedral Pines on Sunday. It's by the flag and is available for picture taking.

Next meeting: October 2, 2024 at Henrietta Acampora Cottage

A motion to close the meeting was made by John Groves. Second by Steve Doner.

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