

# *Twin Rivers Paddle Club*



CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICES  
406 Craven Street, New Bern, NC

## MEETING MINUTES February 10, 2015

7:00, meeting called to order.

### **Officer reports:**

President: Thom Wilson welcomed the 25 members in attendance.

Vice President: Vacant.

Coordinator Report: Cal Hansen, Past paddles: Jan 9, Terry Rich led a pick-up paddle in Oriental with paddlers exploring a few of the creeks west of town. The 1/31 Bachelor Creek upstream paddle was canceled due to frigid temperatures. Feb 4, Cal Hansen did a pick-up paddle from Cool Springs up Swift Creek and into Little Swift Creek. It was a good day to be on the water.

Treasurer: Bill Sadler reported TRPC's current balance at \$2681.08, with membership climbing to 91.

Secretary: Rick Tollmann informed the club that the meeting minutes for the meeting of January 13 was distributed to all members and posted on our web site. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made, seconded and carried.

Communications: Chuck Kimball informed every one of several updates and changes he's made to our web site, including easier access to TRPCmail and the clubs Facebook page. Cal Hansen submitted a report stating all is OK with TRPC's e-mail system and the "Welcome Letter" from the president has been set up, and is going out to all new members.

Craven County Recreation and Parks: Mark Seymour discussed the following topics, Craven County Employee Paddle, scheduled for March 31 at Creekside Park, TRPC members encouraged to participate in a support capacity, and the Craven County Wellness event scheduled for April 14 which TRPC will have a booth.

### **Old Business:**

Paddle Sports America Class: This is a 4 hour, kayak and canoe, safety class being offered by the New Bern Coast Guard Auxiliary. Class topics will include; Know your paddlecraft, Before you get underway, Operating your boat safely, the Legal requirements of boating, and Boating emergencies...what to do. Cost: \$20.00. Contact: Fil Pagano 252 646-3353 or Glenn Druhot 260 705-8261

### **New Business:**

Thom discussed the Two-way marine radios that have been donated to the club. Most agreed that these would add a level of safety to certain paddles, specifically those with a large number of newer inexperienced paddlers, or open water/overnight paddle trips. It was mentioned that some operational instruction may be required for trip leaders. It was suggested that trip coordinators request and obtain the devices at the TRPC meeting immediately prior to their trip. Contact: Thom Wilson

Training opportunity: A unique kayak training opportunity is being offered to TRPC members. Lee Toler, currently a BCU level 4 instructor, along with two companions (ACA Level 4 instructors) has inquired if any TRPC members are interested in a one day training session. Instruction would include rescues/incident management, strokes and surf skills. This training is being offered at no cost to club members. Contact Terry Rich if interested.

Larry Summers reminded everyone of the **2015 Paddling in Pamlico Festival** scheduled over the Memorial Day weekend. There'll be lessons for beginner kayakers, paddle racing, fishing from kayaks and canoes, birding and wine tasting and paddling on waters near Oriental, Bayboro, Dawson Creek, Goose Creek. Campsites available. Larry also informed the club of a new kayak launch at Browns Creek.

Bill Sadler added that while attending the recent Friends of the Mountain to Sea Trail annual meeting, he learned of efforts to produce a Neuse River Trail Map. Larry Summers confirmed that it is in the works.

Park Ranger, Jake Vitak, discussed some of this year's events to be taking place at Hammocks Beach State Park. Details have yet to be finalized. Thom added the possibility of Swansboro outfitter, Barrier Island Kayaks, scheduling a kayak symposium this spring.

### **Safety & Training**

Kayak Rescue Class, March 19 & 26, @ the Twin Rivers YMCA. Terry Rich began by emphasizing the scope of the class is only an introduction to fundamental rescue skills due to time limits. He continued by outlining the class objectives, and passed out his Rescue Skills Class agenda. Some items to be demonstrated and practiced are; wet exit, paddle float self-rescue, T-rescue, and the Cowboy self-rescue. He also stated, "The best rescue is no rescue" and to get the most from the class, Listen, Watch, and Practice, Practice, Practice! **Volunteers needed to assist both in-water and out.** Members wishing to just observe are welcome to attend.

### **Upcoming Events and Paddles:**

Feb 19 & 26	Rescue Class, YMCA	Terry Rich - Volunteers
Feb 21	Upper White Oak River, Gibson Bridge to Dixon Field	E/M Bill Sadler
Mar 19	Beginner class begins, Creekside Park	Terry Rich - Volunteers
Mar 22	Contentnea Creek - Hookerton M	Carolyn Borgert

(See TRPC web site for details) <http://www.twinriverspaddleclub.org/index.html>

8:05 PM Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Tollmann, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners Room on the second floor of the Craven County Administration Building, 406 Craven Street, New Bern**

