

Twin Rivers Paddle Club



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

MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2015

7:00 meeting called to order.

Officer reports:

President:

Thom Wilson opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance.

Vice President:

Vacant.

Coordinator Report:

Past paddles report: (see Old Business)

Treasurer:

Bill Sadler informed members of several financial transactions which took place since our last meeting and reported a current balance of \$2080.66.

Secretary:

Rick Tollmann reported the minutes for August's meeting was sent to all members and is also posted on TRPC web site. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made, seconded and carried.

Communications:

Chuck Kimball reported that all aspects of TRPC's web site is up to date, He also stated that the bill for our web site provider is due.

Cal Hansen briefly spoke, as recorded in August's minutes, that the ongoing payment issue with our e-mail provider, Binhost, has finally been resolved. He also mentioned that he requested, from Binhost, that anyone sending an email via trpcmail receive confirmation of message sent. It was confirmed that this is now the case.

Craven County Recreation and Parks:

Mark Seymour informed the club of some minor damage to the kayak dock at Creekside Park. Cal Hanson stated he would make the repairs. On an unrelated note, Mark was excited to inform everyone that Craven County Recreation & Parks Department is working on a playground project at Creekside Park! This will replace the existing playground at the front of Creekside Park by the Rotary Shelter with an "Inclusive" play area.

Also a Brick Campaign to raise money to go towards the purchase and installation of the new playground has begun. You can purchase a brick in memory or in honor of someone or just to support the playground

https://cravencounty.recdesk.com/RecDeskPortal/Portals/70/brickfundraiser_Form.pdf

For more information, contact Billy Wilkes at (252) 636-6606, ext. 5 or email bwilkes@cravencountync.gov.

Cal Hanson made Mark aware of a potential kayak access project on Upper Broad Creek, just downstream of the Latham-Whitehurst Nature Park. Mark will see if he can get additional info.

Old Business:

Past Paddles: On Aug. 15, Bill Sadler coordinated a "Dolphin Paddle" on the Inter-Coastal Waterway, launching from Core Creek Lodge. A nice turnout of paddlers enjoyed a great day on the water. There has been a little controversy as to whether a dolphin was actually spotted, or not. I think I spotted one ;-)

Our Aug 22 "Coffee Paddle", spearheaded by Rick, launched from Merchants on Brice's Creek for an easy paddle downstream to the Trent River and into Old Town Harbor/Lake. Afterwards, the group gathered at Merchants store for lunch.

Aug 29, Thom Wilson hosted a "Full Moon" paddle from his residence on the Trent River, and none of the 20+ guests/paddlers were disappointed. We began by paddling upstream into a beautiful sunset, and on return were rewarded with a stunning "Super Moon". Afterwards, Thom and LeAnn offered up wine, cheese and more. A big "thank you" to you both.

Sept 1, "Coffee Paddle", a number of paddlers joined Cal and Rick at the Trent River Coffee Shop before heading off for Anderson Creek, located in Carolina Pines. Great weather, a walk on the beach, a gator sighting, and lunch back in town highlighted the day.

New Business:

IMPORTANT! Twin Rivers Paddle Club, Election of Officers. Next meeting, October 13, we will be conducting our election of officers. Please consider running for one of our offices. We need members to step up if our club is to continue well into the future. Several of our officers have held their positions for a number of years, and our Vice-president position has been vacant for a year. Anyone interested, please contact any current officer.

"Kids River Fest" Saturday, September 26, at Lawson Creek Park. Activities will include kayaking, paddle boarding, pontoon boats, bounce houses, fishing and more. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Contact Thom Wilson.

Mumfest: October 11&12, we will once again be present at this year's Mumfest. As in the past, we will need volunteers to staff our TRPC information booth. Scheduling will be in 2 hr segments. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Contact Thom Wilson or Randy Siler. NOTE: This was our last meeting before Mumfest.

2016 North Carolina Paddlefest, May 3-7@ Hammocks Beach Park, Ranger Jake Vitak, and associate, discussed possible events, programs and attractions being looked into for Paddlefest. They discussed distributing a questionnaire to TRPC members for input, as to what we would like to see added to the event...such as classes and training. Additional details will become available later.

Neuse River Paddle Guide (NEW), Bill Sadler discussed this resourceful publication, which is a joint effort by several notable groups. The guide was recently sent via trpcmail to all members.

TRPC merchandise, Rick Tollmann mentioned that he has been approached by several members about acquiring club shirts and hats. It's been several years since these items have been made available, and we may need to consider taking orders again, soon. (Due to time restraints, this issue was tabled.)

Safety & Training

No Report

Upcoming Events and Paddles:

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| TBD | Harkers Island to Cape Lookout | D | Thom Wilson |
| Oct 3 (note date change) | Coffee Paddle | E | Cal Hansen/Rick Tollmann |
| Oct 7 | Pollocksville to River Bend | M | OAC/Joanne Somerday |
| Oct 10&11 | Mum Fest | | VOLUNTEERS/Thom Wilson |
| Oct 18 | Demo Day – Lawson Creek Park | | VOLUNTEERS/Thom Wilson |
| Oct 24 | Trent River to Island Creek & Social | E | David Greenwald/ Thom Wilson |
| Oct 31 | Cliffs of the Neuse | M | Rick Tollmann |

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

8:35 PM Meeting Adjourned

Rick Tollmann, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners Room on the second floor of the Craven County Administration Building, 406 Craven Street, New Bern

Sound Rivers celebrates Neuse River Day with

FREE

Kid's River Fest



Calling all kids and their families! Enjoy this **FREE** fun-filled event!

Saturday, September 26, 2015, 10AM – 2PM

Lawson Creek Park, New Bern, NC

Kids will be issued their own activity passport.
Completed passports entered in Grand Prize drawing.

*Kayaking, Paddle Boards, Pontoon Boats, Bounce Houses,
Fishing and fishing activities, Fish Prints,

Nature Walk/Scavenger Hunt, Beach Volleyball, Bag Toss and Hands-on Learning Games

Come hear Pamlico Joe and Clean Water Flow

Shows: 10:45AM, 12:00PM, 1:15PM

All activities **FREE**, donation requested for pontoon boat rides,
no one excluded from participation.

Refreshments for sale for modest price.

*Children must weigh at least 30 pounds and be five years old or older for kayaking & paddle boarding

[final games and events still subject to change as of July 27]

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