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

MEETING MINUTES January 12, 2016

## **President:**

7:00 pm, Thom Wilson opened the meeting and expressed his gratitude for the great 'January" turnout. Tom welcomed the newcomers and afforded each the opportunity to introduce themselves and to say a few words.

### Vice President:

Thom thanked Carolyn Borgert for her dedication and willingness in assuming the duties of vice-president. Thanks again, Carolyn!

Past paddles report: 12/12, Terry Rich coordinated an Oriental "Bean" pick-up paddle. Those who participated enjoyed a nice December day on the water.

Our annual New Year's Day paddle had a nice turnout, with 30+ paddlers welcoming the New Year with a short paddle along New Bern's waterfront, followed by hot beverages and great fellowship.

### Treasurer:

Bill Sadler reported that TRPC's account balance is \$2229.94, with recently received funds to be deposited shortly. TRPC membership applications continue to pour in. Bill stated that memberships at this early date, currently at 84, are well ahead of previous years. Bill also stated that he moved forward on the clubs decision to purchase a Creekside Park Playground brick at a cost of \$150.

## **Secretary:**

Rick Tollmann reminded members that the club held no official business meeting in December. In lieu of a December's meeting we held our 2016 planning meeting and social. The minutes of November's meeting has been distributed via trpcmail and is also available for review on our web site. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made, seconded and carried.

## **Communications:**

Chuck Kimball reported that TRPC's web site is up to date and that he is working, in conjunction with Cal, to enhance TRPC's facebook page.

Cal Hansen shared his ongoing frustration with TRPC's email system. There is an ongoing problem with members who have Suddenlink as their email provider. Cal suggests this group set up a secondary email account, i.e. Gmail, to ensure they receive club correspondence. Also, to Cal's delight, a new member (sorry, I did not get her name) volunteered to assume the task of handling TRPC's email system.

# **Craven County Recreation and Parks:**

Mark Seymour informed the club that the Craven County Recreation & Parks Department's Brick Campaign, to raise money towards the new playground at Creekside Park, is in full swing. The project is expected to be completed sometime this spring. If you would like to support this project, see attachment below. Mark also spoke a little on the upcoming beginner class scheduled for April.

### **Old Business:**

New Year's Day Paddle; Thom recommended that to add an additional level of safety at future New Year's Day paddles,, we should look at having a power boat accompany the group in case of an unforeseen emergency. It was agreed that next year we should look into implementing this added measure of safety.

Simone distributed pre-ordered tee-shirts and Bill collected \$\$. Thanks to Simone and Bill for their time and effort in this endeavor...Great job!

## **New Business:**

2016 Calendar of events: A review of the calendar, and thanks to an alert Becky Rich, revealed a few scheduling mistakes and conflicts. Carolyn Borgert added that she would like to incorporate some easy "piddle paddles" into the schedule throughout the year. Piddle paddles would be good paddles for beginners. Trip leaders should begin submitting Paddle descriptions to VP Borgert ASAP. c.borgert@live.com

### Safety & Training

Terry Rich reiterated "dress for success". With cold weather and cold water here, a dry suit or wet suit, i.e. a farmer John w/ Hydroskin top is the best option. Also, Terry recommended that trip leaders think about equipping themselves with a "tow bag" and become familiar with its proper use.

# **Upcoming Events and Paddles:**

Feb. 7 Super Bowl Paddle Thom Wilson

Mar. 31 Self-Rescue Class YMCA pool Terry Rich / Volunteers

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

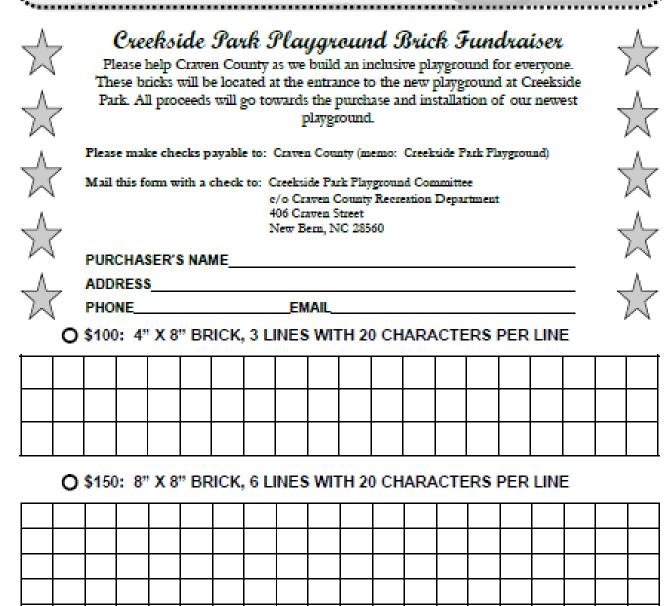
8:10 PM Meeting Adjourned

Rick Tollmann, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners Room on the second floor of the Craven County Administration Building, 406 Craven Street, New Bern







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