

# *Twin Rivers Paddle Club*

www.twinriverspaddleclub.org



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

## MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2016

### **President:**

7:00 pm, Thom Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed the 28 members in attendance. Thom gave a brief explanation for his absence at recent club events and also thanked everyone who helped make those events successful.

### **Vice President:**

Carolyn Borgert reported that a few discrepancies in our activity schedule had been identified and have been corrected.

### **Treasurer:**

Bill Sadler stated TRPC's account balance stands at \$2,672.33. Club membership remains at 110. Bill asked all members to check the latest membership list for accuracy (name, address, email) and to forward any corrections to him. Upon a request by Terry Rich, a motion to make a \$100 donation to the YMCA, for use of the pool to conduct our 3/31/2016 rescue class, was made, seconded and carried.

### **Secretary:**

Rick Tollmann reported the March 8 meeting minutes was distributed to members by trpcmail and was also available on our web site. A motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded and carried.

### **Communications:**

Chuck Kimball explained the reasons behind a recent outage of TRPC's web site. The issues have been resolved and the site is up and working. Chuck also mentioned that our first use of "Sign Up Genius" appeared to be successful and that he will discuss further under New Business. Cheryl Van Jaarsveld reported no problems with the e-mail system, and that she was adding new members as she receives them.

### **Craven County Recreation and Parks:**

Mark Seymour discussed the first day of the beginner class at Creekside Park. He also stated that two additional people wished to enroll. Terry agreed to them joining at the second class. This would increase the number of participants to 11. Mark thanked TRPC for their support of the new inclusive playground at Creekside Park and that ground has been broken for the project.

### **Old Business:**

Past paddles and events;

March 31, Self-Rescue class at YMCA, Terry Rich expressed his gratitude for the volunteer support, which he described as a very successful and well attended event.

April 7, Beginner Kayak Class. Enthusiastic participants and sufficient volunteers assured a successful day 1. Visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4caaa92aa4f49-beginner> to volunteer, or just come out and show your support.

April 8-10, Merchants Mill Pond Camp and Paddle (New Bern OAC event). Bill Sadler described an interesting and memorable weekend that included great camaraderie, good food, and lots of fun. Oh...and don't forget, sun, wind, sub-freezing temps, sleet and snow. A great time had by all.

Bill Hines and Larry Summers briefly discussed their April 16–24 paddle down the Neuse.

Bill Sadler brought to everyone's attention a New Bern Outdoor Adventure Club "Yard Sale", Saturday, April 16, 7am til noon. Outdoor gear and misc. stuff! It will be held in front of Mount Olive College on Trent Road. Everyone is welcome to participate...buying and/or selling. Bring your own table.

**New Business:**

North Carolina Paddle Festival, May 3-7: Hammocks Beach State Park, Swansboro. Thom described the numerous volunteer opportunities available and encouraged members to step-up and help make this festival a success. <http://www.ncpaddle.org/>. **Volunteers needed to (1) man our booth...talk to festivalgoer's about our club and distribute flyers, and (2) to lead short paddle trips through the salt marsh.**

Kids Riverfest (venue change) Neuseway Park, Kinston May 21. [http://soundrivers.org/?event=kids-river-fest-kinston&event\\_date=2016-05-21](http://soundrivers.org/?event=kids-river-fest-kinston&event_date=2016-05-21) **Volunteers needed to assist and to monitor kids on-water activities.**

Full Moon Paddle, Saturday June 18 (previously scheduled for May 21). Thom Wilson presented his ideas for a full moon paddle, beginning from his home on the Neuse River and followed by a club social. Additional details forthcoming.

Sign Up Genius: Chuck Kimball further explained "Sign Up Genius", an on-line tool for volunteer organizing and event planning. He described several options available. We are currently using a free version with limited options. Discussion mainly revolved around assuring that this initiative does not become too complicated or time consuming. It was agreed that at this time we keep it as simple as possible. For now, Chuck agreed to be the coordinator.

Oriental Paddle Festival: Memorial Day Weekend. Larry Summers talked about this year's festival and the activities/paddles that will be available. Three days of marvelous paddling in Pamlico County. Participation is free. For additional information contact Larry Summers @ 252-675-0467 [Larsum@aol.com](mailto:Larsum@aol.com) or Bill Hines @ 252-571-0264 [bill.hines@ec.rr.com](mailto:bill.hines@ec.rr.com).

**Safety & Training**

Terry Rich discussed, and then handed out an ACA pamphlet, Rules of the Road, "What Paddlers Need to Know". This pamphlet contains very valuable information. Please see Terry for a copy ASAP.

**Upcoming Events and Paddles:**

April 14, 21 & 28	Beginner Kayak class	Terry Rich / Volunteers
April 15-17	East Coast Paddle Fest, Charleston SC	
April 23	Core Creek Landing	Carolyn Borgert / Cal Hansen
April 30	Dawson's Creek	Carolyn Borgert
May 3	Coffee Paddle	Rick Tollmann
May 3-7	North Carolina Paddle Festival	Volunteers
May 7	Spring Creek / Pamlico	Bob Kent
May 8	Easy Peasy Piddle Paddle	Carolyn Borgert
May 18	Boros Landing / Anderson Creek	Cal Hansen
May 21	Kids River Fest @ Neuseway Park, Kinston	Travis Graves / Volunteers

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

8:05 PM Meeting Adjourned

Rick Tollmann, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners Room on the second floor of the Craven County Administration Building, 406 Craven Street, New Bern**

