

# *Twin Rivers Paddle Club*

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

## MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2016

7:00pm, Thom Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. 18 members were present.

**President:** Thom Wilson discussed the flooding in Eastern North Carolina which may disrupt travel in the coming weeks.

**Treasurer:** Bill Sadler reported an account balance of \$2106.03. He stated that TRPC membership stands at 131.

**Secretary:** Rick Tollman stated that the minutes from September's meeting were emailed to all members. Bill Sadler made motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded and the motion passed. Rick has 10 t-shirts left (sizes L and XL) from the recent purchase of a small t-shirt inventory.

**Craven County Recreation & Parks:** Mark Seymour stated the new restroom at Creekside should be completed shortly.

### **Past Paddles:**

9/18 Cape Lookout (Thom Wilson) 6 paddlers; this paddle had good weather and paddlers saw lots of wildlife. It was discussed making this an annual paddle.

9/24 Cahooque Creek (Rick Tollmann) 19 paddlers.

10/2 Upper Broad Creek (Carolyn Borgert) 13 paddlers.

### **Upcoming Paddles:**

\* The October 22nd Washington Waterfront paddle (Carolyn Borgert) will be canceled due to post-Hurricane Matthew flooding.

11/11 - 11/13 Bear Island Camp & Paddle (Bill Sadler)

**New Business:** Due to the cancellation of Mumfest, our boat demo scheduled for Sunday 10/16 is canceled. After a new date for Mumfest is determined the group will discuss volunteer times to staff the TRPC booth. The group discussed possible dates/locations for a December planning meeting/Holiday party.

**Election of officers:** Officers presented for election were President, Thom Wilson; VP, Carolyn Borgert; Treasurer, Bill Sadler; Secretary, Corinne Everett Belch. The motion to elect the slate of officers was accepted.

**Communications:** Budd Curtis updated the club on progress of the development of our new web site. Several options for web hosting services were discussed, including iPage and GoDaddy. All options were less costly than the service we are currently using. Consensus was that the tech team should have the ability to make decisions that they deem best for the club.

**Safety & Training:** Terry Rich, Safety officer, discussed current water conditions due to hurricane Matthew, i.e. pollution, floating debris and dangerous currents. It is recommended to delay paddles for a couple of weeks due to the hurricane's affect on the waterways. Also, with colder weather approaching, water temps will be quickly dropping. Dress appropriately, in layers and NO cotton. Consider paddling along the shoreline so you have somewhere to get out of the boat if necessary. In addition, Terry stressed to always leave a float plan with someone, and that rescue skills should be practiced BEFORE a situation arises where you will need them. The group contributed other ideas such as wearing gloves, carrying tow ropes, and being aware of sunset dropping the temperature.

8:15pm, Meeting adjourned  
Corinne Everett Belch, Secretary