

# CCC SUMMER BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY

07-05-13

Conducted at Smoky Mountain Meadows Campground, Bryson City, NC

Officers in Attendance:

*Ron Miller-President*

*Joan Monnig-Cruise Chair*

*Garrick Taylor-Education Chair*

*Barry Schmidt-Safety Chair*

Staff in Attendance:

*Abi Riak-Advertising Chair*

*Rick Steeves-Web Master*

[Approximately 40 members present]

Joan Monnig-Cruise Chair Report:

- “Families Paddle Too” has grown to eight clubs.
- Apple tree campground 105 attended.
- Spoke w/Terry at Smokey Mountain-was not willing to negotiate, Appletree Campground worked out to \$45.00/family for a weekend.
- Club did well on this event. Joan suggested putting earnings in kitty.
- She is keeping a list of volunteers for WOR 2014-mentioned she would not have to come early to set up next year.
- Requested ideas on how to get an accurate count of people attending the event. It was suggested to use the camp list, but not all attendees stay at the same camp ground.
- Joan also announced she would not be attending the Labor Day paddle.
- Thanked Rich Ruhlen for help with the Easter paddle and asked if he would do the same in 2014-Rich agreed.

Garrick Taylor-Education

- 40 people attended-had to cancel some events due to the rain. Hoped to do make-up weekends.
- 15 people for youth clinics in conjunction with Foothills.
- Scheduled clinics for “What’s Next”, “Smarter not Harder”, “Smarter not Harder II”, September Creeking clinic scheduled for Upper Nantahala (3+ difficulty).
- Got great reviews from the clinics.
- Cancelled youth beginner clinic-may try to re-schedule.
- Garrick working with the web master on online forms.
- Instructors reimbursement \$200.00 for initial-\$100 for updates.
- Ron -Turkey Creek allowed instructors to stay for free. Mentioned budgets as it relates to the instructors.
- Only 4 active canoe instructors. No demand for youth canoe instructors at this time.
- Joan-Mentioned it would be nice to have a fleet of youth boats to have on hand.
- Rich-Renting or loaning would work better.

It was mentioned James Jackson sold Tuck Outfitters and the new owner is causing a problem with the public drop. Joan wanted to talk to the new owner and suggested talking to Town of Dillsboro. Several members discouraged talking to the Town concerning this issue.

Barry Schmidt-Safety Update

- Cancelled spring clinic.
- Held Safety Essentials during WOR.
- Five mannequins have been purchased to aid instructors in teaching CPR.
- A swiftwater mannequin has been delivered.
- A 2-day swiftwater rescue class was upcoming in September.

Ron-President, reporting for Wayne Jones-Secretary Treasurer, Morgan Randell-Membership Chair (both not in attendance).

Checking Account	\$9,081
<u>MM</u>	<u>\$15,086</u>
Total	\$24,167

- There are 540 paid memberships.
- Ron reports 2 vacant board positions-Member at Large & Conservation Chair.

Elyse Lee-Conservation

- Tuckasee clean up held on Tuesday.
- Monthly cleanups scheduled on Haw.
- 60 bags of garbage collected on Haw last time.
- A blog entry of stats on cleanup efforts posted on Face book.
- Virginia waterway bill.

Discussed Kings Grants and enforcements in Virginia. A template letter was mentioned but discouraged.

- Allen Freeman mentioned a maintenance crew for the “put-ins” on Haw River.
- Bob Brueckner reported PK Ventures is not renewing licenses for Bynum Dam. There will be a stake holders meeting. It was mentioned the club should be represented in this meeting. License only includes water running over the Dam.
- Mark Hoffman-Over 7,000 acre sub-division is in the planning stage between the Haw River and Chapel Hill. It was mentioned a permanent public easement to the Haw River would be nice.

Ron-President

- Position open to replace Maurice Blackburn.
- Allen Freeman, Rich Ruhlen, Sarah Ruhlen, & Sylvia Durant volunteered to man the nominating committee [editor note: Sylvia has since dropped out, per Rich, Committee Chair].
- Addressed gaps in by-laws by suggesting a committee be assigned to update. Dana Hoffman was nominated to head this committee and voted into the position by show of hands.
- Garrick & Elyse aired several issues with Ron.
- It was discussed Past presidents should form a panel to mediate. Dana to contact Past Presidents for this panel to resolve internal issues.
- Waterproof cards were offered.

Newsletter discussed-Ron mentioned plans to return to 6 issues instead of 5. Elyse suggested a move to 4 or 5 issues. Expansion of ads was also a topic to offer 1/8 of a page. It was requested to have a breakdown of expenses listed for the newsletter.

Haw River Gate Project discussed-progress thus far and estimated completion.

At this point darkness caused limited visibility to write additional comments.