

Minutes of the meeting of the Twin Rivers Paddle Club
April 8, 2008
Respectfully submitted by Joanne Somerday for Rosemary Curry, Sect.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Court, VP at 7 pm.
There were 25 people present, including 4 new people who became members.

The roster of current members was received from Tom Fineco and filed. Tom also noted that we had 90 memberships and \$805.02 in the treasury. He also received a thank you note from the YMCA for our donation from the rescue class and presented information from the May 3 meeting of the Religious Organization which is having a kayak race on May 3 at Irwin Park at Cape Fear. There will be a \$50 fee and a prize of \$500.

Lance was not present for a communications report.

Billy Wilkins gave a report on the April 24 beginner classes. The class is full and the response excellent. They are also taking calls at the office for the Senior paddle and will have a limit of 20. The NRF will be asked for a loan of kayaks for this event. A blue double Old Towne kayak was stolen from the enclosure at Creekside Park. The county will try to do more to provide security in the future. Jake and Terry will do the beginner classes, but club members will be needed to assist as there will possibly be people who will be in the water in a kayak for the first time. The lessons are a fund raiser for the club as we get 80%, the county 20% of the proceeds. No news yet on the 51 acre tract near the New Bern Yacht Club. The county would like to use it as a park but Tryon Palace was named in a second will.

Terry Rich, for safety and training, said that proximity is important when paddling. It's necessary to stay together, especially in the wind and bad weather. Leaders should be leaders not leavers. It's important to stop and regroup to get feedback from each other. Stay behind with the stragglers and tow if necessary. Richard suggested that the faster people can go back to the end so that no paddler is left behind, and still get a good workout. Care also needs to be taken in the wind because water is blown out of the Neuse and Trent and you can get mired in mud.

Cal said that Dave needs volunteers from TRPC for Neuse River Day on May 31. Taking part this year will be Parks and Rec., Depts. of City and Tourism Board. There will be a 100 mile adventure beginning May 26 starting in Goldsboro, we'll join the 8 mile group at Cool Springs, and then the 4 mile group, all paddling into Union Point at lunch time. There will be a grab bag for all participants with gifts, a t-shirt, and meal ticket. People who will not be paddling are encouraged to offer time at the registration booth. Please contact Pat Gully at NRF and get the phone number from Cal. There will be canoe events in the afternoon, the canoes provided, consisting of a broom race, switch race, and tug of war. There will also be a 10 mile bridges race. Cal also reviewed the coming schedule of paddles.

Terry demonstrated the Greenland Paddle and Jake talked about and showed several other paddles and gave the attributes of each. He also spoke about the features of PFDs.

T-shirts are available at \$10. The meeting was adjourned by Frank Court. Next meeting May 13.