

TRPC Meeting minutes 9-9-08

Meeting opened by Alan Garey at 7pm, he welcomed new members who introduced themselves.

Officer's reports were next on the agenda.

President Alan Garey reported that we will not be participating at Mumfest this year.  
VP Frank nothing to report

Treasurer Tom reported that we have a membership of 88 people and our balance is \$1656.78

Secretary Rosemary had no minutes as previous meeting was our social.

Lance gave communications report, TRPC mail is up and running.

Standing Committee reports, in Joanne's absence, Alan reported that currently we still need volunteers for TRPC Club Officers 2008-2009.

Dave recommended past president to assist with the transition for new officers.

Alan next requested input from members regarding topics for the monthly meetings and guest lectures. The following are suggestions made by members.

Terry Rich suggested upgrading levels of skills and expertise, suggested Lamar Hutchinson as a guest speaker. There was discussion regarding certification, ACA, BCA, with pro's and cons mentioned. A presentation from Lamar would certainly be informative for the club.

Jake recommended more coaching of paddle skills, more instruction.

Watching video's in small groups or prior to meetings was proposed. Billy will let us know if he can get us room prior to our scheduled meeting time on Tuesday evenings.

Becky suggested more medical related topics, such as first aid and CPR. Also Kayak camping how to plan and what to bring.

Dave suggested another boat show and tell as this years was a success. He also suggested trip to Charlotte for white water class (in controlled environment).

Larry Baldwin our River keeper was suggested as a Speaker.

Boat building and Navigation workshops were suggested.

With a good list of suggestions offered, the next topic was Community programs and in water training.

Suggestions from Billy Wilkes were that we hold a senior paddle in May (21), and family paddle in June(27). Instructional classes in April. He will get us dates for next month's meeting.

Billy suggested exploring possibility of applying for another grant to accomplish a project (signs for paddle trails for example).

He also updated us on property acquisition in the County. The Brice's Creek Property went to the Palace. Broad Creek Rd property to the county possibly to be developed into a nature park.

Terry discussed his Kids in kayaks program held at the YMCA. Rescue tracing programs to continue .

Cal Hansen next made some observations about paddle trips. The "easy" trips are the ones least attended. Upcoming paddles include 9/27 and 10/4.

Suggestions for paddle trip for the 2008-2009 season were then made and include the following, Black River, Bath, Pamlico co, Great Lake, Bear Island, Shackelford Banks and maybe some Kayak fishing.

Representative of Phillippians 4:13 Ministry announced that there is a fund raising event Planned for 9/27 Paddle Pollocksville to New Bern raise money for the Merci Clinic, registration available at [www.p413.org](http://www.p413.org)

Before closing Alan requested we all think about volunteering for the Club Officers.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM