

Low Country Paddlers Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2021

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Introductions: Officers and New Members/Visitors

18 members attended

Approval of Minutes from February-Approved following meeting

Ralph's Treasurer Report- Treasurer's Report submitted by Ralph Earhart

3,456.61 Bank Total at end of March

Membership Update-

- Membership's count- 64 Members
- Renewals-
*Ken is working on an updated list of active ACA memberships vs. current members as renewals are submitted.

Old or New Items of Discussion:

Upcoming Training-

- Club paddles- Trip leaders are identified per Ralph. April kicks off our first club paddle. Calendar will be updated as dates are confirmed. Limited sign up, be committed prior to committing. If your schedule changes, cancel your signup for others to sign up.
- Club Event- Spring/summer events being planned, more to come.
- Leslie Maple Trip Leader Training- Saturday, June 5th. Paddling location to be determined. An interactive day on the water. Facilitating the trip leaders. Gathering of former and upcoming trip leaders. Paddle together, perform some maneuvers and rescues. Then wrap up and discuss... What is done properly, what is not so well done and what can be improved.

Future Meeting-

- Presentation on safety and other members.
- **Suggestions?** What is of interest to our members for our upcoming monthly meetings?
- **Potential for outdoor meeting in May, depending on Covid status.**

Other-

- **Billy Self** as our new Webmaster. Suzette will remain as background support. **Presentation-** Tara Harney and Dan Hoke to present Electronics.

Presentation of Safety Gear by Dan Hoke and Tara Harney

Binoculars: Extensive information presented. Some notes: Many options. Dan discussed the uses for binoculars including looking for distant destinations, paddling across a harbor, noting paddlers within and outside the group, who may be in the distance. Coast Guard presence and the ability to assist rescuers.

Important features include: Eye Relief, which is how far you can be from the lens and still maintain a full field of view. 16 mm is most significant number for the binoculars. Binoculars are written as number (for example 8) by another number (for example 25). The first number is the magnification. The second number is the diameter of the lens. The greater the diameter, the more light is admitted. Coated lenses may offer better light colors. The initials WP mean waterproof...good for us water people. Dan is a great resource for additional detail.

GPS and Tracking systems were discussed by Dan Hoke and Tara Harney. Many factors to consider. Take some time to determine what you are looking for in GPS systems including navigational charts, satellite capability, radio functions, mapping functions, personal locator, waterproofness, coastal and topographical maps, way points, e-tracking, battery operation-rechargeable? Screen size. Dan and Tara are excellent resources for further information.

Upcoming Training and Events:

Charleston Parks- ALL events:

<https://www.ccprc.com/calendar.aspx?month=1&year=2021&CID=0&Keywords=&startDate=&enddate=&>

Essentials of Kayaking: <https://www.ccprc.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=12945>

Beyond the Essentials of Kayaking: Edging & Blending Strokes:

<https://www.ccprc.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=12943&month=5&year=2021&day=2&calType=0>

Beyond the Essentials of Kayaking: Assisted and Self Rescues:

<https://www.ccprc.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=12941&month=5&year=2021&day=16&calType=0>