

Lowcountry Paddlers Meeting Minutes

17 May 2021 (in person, Hoke home)
Phyllis Malpas and Jon Flournoy, recording

Introductions: Officers and New Members/Visitors 7:05

Minutes from April – Approved

Attendance: Total 21 Members 19, Guests 2

Treasurer Report- Currently, \$3,509.07 in the account.

Membership Update- 74; Current members. WELCOME to our new members!

14 family, 60 individual; membership is cyclic, compared to historic levels doing well.

1 new member (Doug) in the last 30 days, and 4 new in the last 60 days.

Items of Discussion:

Upcoming -

- Club paddles- Ralph Earhart is Trip Coordinator. Planning for the latter half of the year.
- Will be live on the website once confirmed. Trip leaders- Dan Hoke volunteered to support.
- All trip planning the second half of 2021 will be done by e-mail communication.
 - Please relay to Ralph specific paddles members want to see as a trip to be planned.

Camping trip to the Sparkleberry Swamp is planned for May 22. Deep water swamp. For Saturday morning, meet at I 95 rest area prior to bridge; through Somerton. Camping options available. Check the website for details. It is epic, do not miss if you are new or even as a new place to see. It will not disappoint!

- Trip Leader Training- Leslie coordinating Saturday, July 10. More information to follow.
- Annual picnic. July 2021; location; needs help for planning. Picnic details to be completed and shared on website and in e-mail. Of note: following the LCP meeting, July 31 determined as picnic date. Information to follow on the LCP website and in e-mail.
- Club training: August or September. Details to come on the website. Consider what our club does well. What do we need to work on; paddling together; some rescue; Consider inviting Ed Diehl from Blue Way Adventures to train.
- Club paddles and Show and Go's are the website. Sign up!

Future Meetings: Monday, June 21- in-person, outdoors at Dan and Julie's home.

Presenter – Josh Hall from the Charleston Parks and Recreation

July TBD-Reaching out to Providence Church for their opening plan.

Dan will check with Providence Church regarding future.

Seeking topic suggestions and speakers or ideas for future meetings

Other-

- Reminder: Club Trips and guests, remember to let the trip leader know in advance if a guest is coming. They need to sign the waiver and it is \$5/person.
- Camping trips- suggestions/dates?
 - June 25-27: Capers Island with Bev Cosslett. E Mail Bev for more details.
Bevcosslett4@gmail.com

Fall camping trip to Florida Springs 11/3-11/10. Dan Hoke provided maps of the area for viewing.

- Lodging, Rivers Ridge Lodge. <http://www.riversidelodgerv.com>. This is a "camp" centrally located for access to a number of excellent Florida springs and spring-fed rivers. From Charleston plan on 7 to 8-hour drive. From camp nearly an hour's drive to these paddles. Easily get to Crystal River, Wakee Watchee & Homosassa along coast and Jupiter Spring west in the National Forest. Can launch from the camp into a wild and scenic River. Recommend look at their website, you will see they have some sweet cabins to stay in. Both 1 and 2 bedrooms. They do not have registration online. You need to call p/352-726-2002.
- For More- Dan Hoke, 843-291-3141.

Presenter:

David Skinner- Carolina Kayak Fishing Adventures. He turned his passion for kayak fishing into his profession. www.carolinakayakfishingadventures.com; 843-380-5444

FB: Carolina Kayak Fishing Adventures

David discussed newly opened (8 months ago) kayak fishing company...He shared his background with the group, including military background; Fireman/EMT/Paramedic with many years of experience. Trained in firefighting, as a medic and in water rescue. Following injury and rehab, discovered pedal kayak fishing, in sit on top kayak. Realized that there is limited availability in Charleston area for those who may wish to do this recreationally. Decided to support the entire endeavor for one affordable fee per four-hour session of \$98.00. Purchased all gear including Lightning Strike kayaks, fishing gear, storage, equipment; everything people need. Six months of pretesting with volunteers with no injuries or accidents. Motto: do the right thing on principle. Take passion, peace, and serenity; affordable so people can return; six months in pretesting; no clients injured or hurt. Approximately 25 clients a month...learned from saltwater fishing guides, using their kayaks...very appreciative to talk with everyone. Mostly in Hanahan...no money transactions at boat ramps. Uses waivers, schedule appropriately, no rush, Bushy Park and Paradise Landing. Small saltwater channels-Paradise Island...more wildlife. Opened the company-utilized by sailors at the Naval Weapons Station for quality time. Particularly interested in supporting veterans and first responders...Trips see many types of wildlife...Saltwater catfish...largest fish caught. Fishing license you do online. Salt or Fresh water license. Fishing is primarily catch and release (there is no fish storage gear) ...lot of information. Redfish grow large up to 95 lb. Flounder...new limits due to overfishing. No treble hooks, catch release, protect environment, protect animals. All information on webpage. Equipment includes Robert Fields and Stuart Lee-88 lbs. bicycle pedal drive; local bait...normal diet of fish. Two fishing rods, hi lo rigging...set the fishing rod. Second rod you fish with actively; Every day open, training, Future markets include Markets for crabbing, surf fishing...Coordinates with Nature Adventure Outfitters. *(Thank you, David!)*

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