



Taylorsville-Spencer County Recreation, Tourist & Convention Commission

Minutes - Special Paddle Battle Meeting

Wednesday, 23 January, 2019 - Tanglewood Golf Course

Attendees: Pat Dour, Bonnie Downs, Matt Puckett & Marty Nemes

Absentees: Stacey Koon & Katie Crotzer

Order: Vice Chair Pat called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Inventory: Trophy Inventory: Stacey to bring our trophy inventory to Tanglewood where she & Matt will determine the type & quantity of trophies & plates needed.

Lodging: Rooms at Tanglewood are sold-out for Friday the 7th & Saturday the 8th of June.

KY Waterman: Motion made by Matt to join the Kentucky Waterman Series for a \$350 fee. Marty 2nd, motion carried. Pat said 74% of those surveyed entered the Paddle Battle because of the series. We need to provide the Series a race logo by 1 March.

Tip: Don't paddle unless the air & water temperature is = or > than 120° Fahrenheit.

Venue: The pros & cons of where to hold the awards ceremony/lunch was discussed.

Pat thought Taylorsville Elementary might be a possibility – Marty will check with Spencer County Superintendent of Schools Chuck Adams.

Tanglewood does not currently have a booking for 8 June. Bonnie will contact various vendors to determine cost/availability for a tent/tables/chairs that could be used at Tanglewood.

Fees: It was suggested we keep the registration fees, food prices, tee shirt cost et cetera, the same as last year.

Music: Possible music, Dee Jay, boom box, loud speaker for Saturday's race.

Food: Invite Josh Moore to cook for the Paddle Battle? Bonnie will contact David Young about the Knights of Columbus frying fish at the Battle.

Advertising: Pat to be responsible for the website. Stacey will take charge of social media. We discussed purchasing an ad in the Spencer Magnet.

Ramp: Pat explained that Lisa Freeman of the US Army Corps of Engineers has forwarded the Kayak Ramp paperwork to the Louisville office for approval.

Photography: We talked about hiring the Kurniks to provide photo support again this year.

Mimi Hahn: of Endless Summer will assist this year.

Scooter Thompson: of Blue Moon Canoes provided \$500 in cash support last year. We may ask him to provide kayaks to those beginners who would like to participate but don't have a boat.

Beginners: Pat wondered how we can increase the participation of neophyte canoers/kayakers/Stand Up Paddlers. Maybe Taylorsville &/or Ace Hardware would provide a free registration for the beginner event for each kayak sold. We could also put a Battle flyer on each boat they sell.

Timing Systems: Pat will discuss hiring a firm to time the Battle. We were pleased with the guy who worked the Turkey Trot. There is also a company that times the KY Waterman Series.

Classes: Ben Lowery is not available this year to conduct paddle classes. The Epic Kayaks will provide Bruce & Liz Poacher to teach a class. Since class size on the water is limited to 10, we may want to provide shore-side lessons for free. Maybe have free classes at the pavilion at the park? – cook hot dogs & bratwursts?

Sponsors: Reviewed our list of sponsors from last year. We may seek additional assistance.

Shirt design: Discussion culminated on the subject of redesigning the Battle T shirt.

Respectfully submitted

Marty Nemes, Secretary