

River Council of the Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River
Duke-O- Fluke – River Cruise Outdoor Dinner Meeting Due to Covid-19 Restrictions
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: at 6:15 PM by Greg Gregory, Chairperson.

Roll Call: by Fred Akers, Administrator.

Board Members in Attendance: Julie Akers (Buena Vista Twp.), Tom Baum (Egg Harbor Twp.), Jim Owen (Estell Manor City), Paul Ludgate (GEHWA), John Keenan (Hammonton City), Greg Gregory (Somers Point City), Bill Handley (Upper Twp.), Susan Stiles (Weymouth)

Board Members Absent: No RC Appointed (Corbin City), Joel Spiegel (Folsom Boro), Bill Christman (Hamilton Twp.), Rick Coe (Monroe Twp.), Clark Sprigman (Winslow Twp.)

Quorum Present – Yes

Others Present: Fred Akers (River Administrator), Paul Kenney (NPS) Remotely, Lynn Maun (Coordinator), Jenn Jennings (Alt. Buena Vista Twp.), Ron Meischker (Alt. Somers Point), Bill Stuempfig (Alt. Upper Twp.)

Open Meetings Act: Greg Gregory stated that the meeting was advertised pursuant to the NJ Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Notices were sent to official publications for the River Council – The Courier Post and The Press of Atlantic City. A copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Library in Mays Landing and the GEHWA website.

Approval of Minutes: Julie Akers made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting. Bill Handley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Portion: None

Education & Outreach Coordinator Report (Lynn Maun): None

NPS Reported Remotely (Paul Kenney): Paul reported that all of the Partnership Rivers have been experiencing recreational overuse due to Covid-19. He asked if the River Councilors had any stories relating to overuse on the Great Egg. The RCs reported overuse included increased river bank damage, ATV damage at Gravelly Run, and heavy jet ski traffic. Paul asked if the RCs had any ideas about what to do. It was noted that there would be a river cleanup, and the “Night of Lights” sponsored by the Mays Landing Yacht Club.

Old Business: None

New Business: Fred proposed holding the next River Council meeting, on October 21, 2020, via Zoom. Tom Baum made a motion to hold the next RC meeting via Zoom, Jim Owen seconded the motion. Motion approved. Prior to the next meeting Fred will send out information to enable the RCs to connect to the Zoom meeting.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Paul Ludgate and second by Bill Handley, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.