

Berkeley Paddling & Rowing Club
Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009
6:30 p.m.- home of Charlie Altekruse

Present: Charlie Altekruse, Ellen Braithwaite, Rachel Haurwitz, Seán O'Hara, Susan Sawyer, Mike Smith, Alex Smoligovets, John Swensen, Ned Trippe

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Ellen Braithwaite as C. Altekruse was delayed in arrival.

2. Minutes of Board meeting of February 7, 2009, approved as amended. The Boat Storage Policy is not part of the by-laws, but a separate document. References with respect to by-laws and the Boat Storage Policy should be changed to reflect that.

3. Reports from treasurer Kathryn Furano, via Mike Smith and Ellen Braithwaite, indicate the Club has \$12,000-\$14,000 in the main account and \$16,000 in a CD.

Mike Smith reported that he continues to pursue our tax exempt status with the IRS, the state of California having already ruled in our favor.

4. Committee Reports:

A. Boathouse:

Charlie Altekruse painted over the latest tagging display. Ned Trippe and Elaine Baden have been looking into various motion activated lights for installation. Probably five will be installed shortly.

With respect to additional storage, the future possibilities seem limited to either a fenced area or a container, as the building at the south end of the park is now being used by others. Ned will check with the city of Berkeley concerning any concerns they may have with either proposal.

At the same time, Ned will discuss the BPRC sponsoring a clean-up/beautification project for at least the west side of the lagoon.

Ned and Seán will work together on the proposed remodel of the wash-down area, as well as increased landscaping near the boat house and improvement of the driveway.

B. Membership: Ellen reports we now have between 100-110 members. On February 28, 2009, three potential members came by at the club open house. Another open house for prospective members is scheduled for March 28, 2009.

C. Equipment: Tadas Petrys took the boat slot vacated by Katherine Geramita. A number of people with sea kayaks are waiting for space. It was unanimously approved that \$25 be charged for anyone borrowing a club boat for a race. (The \$25 charge applies for the entire time the boat is borrowed.) Members who wish to borrow a boat for a race or regatta should first check with John Swensen. John has been looking into a racing double for the club to buy, but few are available. He is posting a "wish list" for new club boats. The club will be purchasing three pairs of sculling oars in the near future.

5. Old Business

A. Ellen agreed to prepare the report to the city of Berkeley in the absence of Richard. She will be aided by Kathryn Furano, Mike Smith, and Charlie Altekruise.

B. After a report by Rachel, the Board voted to buy 20 hats and 30 T-shirts with the BPRC logo for sale to members. This will occur at the same time Rachel makes the order for individual members who want to buy other items of clothing through JL.

6. New Business

There was discussion of establishing a BPRC group on Face-Book or Google or Yahoo to facilitate communication among members.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sawyer