

Berkeley Paddling & Rowing Club  
Board Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2009  
6:30 p.m.- home of Jane Toro

NOTE: The meeting date was changed from September 1 to September 8 as several members were out of town on September 1 and a quorum was questionable.

Present: Charlie Altekruise, Kathryn Furano, Rachel Haurwitz, Susan Sawyer, Alex Smoligovets, Jane Toro, Ned Trippe

1. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Treasurer's report

The Club has \$14,027.26 in the checking account and \$16,833.22 in the CD with a few membership checks still to be cashed. The checking account reflects the total after payments were made for repair of the Wintech (\$597.50) and three new sets of Dreher oars (\$1365).

3. Committee Reports

A. Boathouse

Ned reported that the water, which was found to be turned off at one point, returned after 24-48 hours and a call by Richard to the city of Berkeley. He also noted that there is an irrigation system in place in the Boathouse area, which is buried and **not** used, but which could leak and drain water at some point. It was reported that although the water itself is back on, there has been no *hot* water on September 7 or 8. Ned will check the water heater, located in the men's locker room.

Charlie reported that a friend of his would help a member crew with any boathouse infrastructure maintenance that might be necessary.

B. Membership -Kathryn reported there are a half dozen new members. Because there have been many new members in the past few months, it was believed that Ellen needed more help with mentoring and familiarizing the new members with club procedures. A check list was suggested. A cap on membership was briefly discussed. When Ellen returns at the next meeting, these issues will be discussed with her and a committee to help her will be formed.

C. Equipment

Kathryn reported that the Wintech has been repaired and is back in the boathouse; three new sets of Dreher oars have been purchased.

Ned reported that he is repairing the red Hudson riggers himself as new riggers are not readily available. In 2000 Hudson changed the rigging on all its boats. Because the red Hudson is older than 2000, we cannot simply buy a new set of rigging. Repair would involve sending the Boat to the Hudson repair facility at major cost. Apparently the problems with the red Hudson occurred because some of the heavy-weight rowers were using the Hudson in the absence of the Wintech and were too heavy for the boat. It was suggested that the weight limits for each boat be posted. Ellen had emailed the Board members about a new heavyweight boat that was available. A discussion of buying this additional boat was tabled until Ellen could be present.

The Hawk kayak is also being repaired.

After examining the options, the Equipment Committee has recommended buying

the more durable of the two Pocock midweight doubles for \$9, 350. The Board approved this purchase unanimously.

There was an extensive discussion of whether members who do repair work should be paid, over and above the cost of materials. Some felt that since the Boat Club is an all volunteer organization, without any permanent staff, paying members could endanger the culture of volunteering that is required. It was finally decided that each case would be decided on its merits. Nothing in the Club charter prohibits paying members for work done and if a particular job required extensive time and/or skill, payment might be considered.

Some members have taken out club boats for races or regattas without paying the \$25 fee and without prior permission of the equipment committee. A new notice will be placed at the club to ensure that all club members know what is required.

#### 5. Old Business

The by-law committee has still not met.

The dock continues to deteriorate. Charlie had previously suggested we explore asking for grant money in order to fix it, but Ned will first check with the city of Berkeley concerning environmental requirements.

#### 6. New Business

Shoreline Clean-Up Day is September 19, 2009 from 9:00 to Noon. We will be responsible for the west side of the lagoon - both shore and water - up to approximately the water-ski area. Ned will put out a notice. There will be no rowing after 9:00 a.m. There will be a barbecue for all workers at noon.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Sawyer, secretary