

Berkeley Paddling & Rowing Club
Board Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, November 17, 2009
6:30 p.m.- home of Jane Toro

Present: Ellen Braithwaite, Kathryn Furano, Rachel Haurwitz, Susan Sawyer, Mike Smith, John Swensen, Alex Smoligovets, Jane Toro,

1. Meeting was called to order by Vice-president, Jane Toro.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer's report - since the last meeting the Club has paid out the deposit for the new double, \$3208.33, which is one third of the cost.

4. Committee Reports

A. Boathouse - Ellen reported that a new knob is being purchased for the hose faucet.

B. Membership - Ellen reported that the Open house was successful. Four new members resulted from that event. We now have 155 members. It was suggested that we plan for open houses in 2010, either quarterly, or on an ad hoc basis when inquiries reach a critical mass. It was also suggested that the mentoring document, currently on the Club bulletin board be put into a check-list form for the ease of both mentors and mentees. Ellen agreed to do this.

C. Equipment

The Lancer is out for repair to John Dye.

A hole in the quad will be repaired at the Club house.

The double/triple has been sold.

Two kayak owners had each offered to give a Jensen C-1 marathon kayak to the club. It was pointed out that the current C-1 is used only by one member, so additional kayaks of the same type would not be useful. Therefore, these offers were declined

An aero has been offered to the club, which would be useful for beginners, although there is now no place to store it. Ellen will store it until we have space.

The new Pocock double will arrive November 30 or December 1.

5. Old Business

A. Ellen and Kathryn attended the annual meeting of the Water Ski Club. The Water Ski Club wants to start early on Wednesdays next year, ideally at 3:00 p.m., rather than 5:00 p.m. which was the previous agreement. They are willing to trade off an additional two hours of their times. It was suggested that we receive an additional hour on Tuesday and Thursday, either the water skiers would start an hour later in the morning or end an hour earlier in the afternoon. The club members will be consulted at the annual meeting in January.

B. Ellen will get another quote for insurance for next year.

C. Dock repair - Ellen had obtained a copy of our lease with the City, which expires at

the end of 2010. The dock is officially city property and the city is responsible for its upkeep. However, should the city fail to properly care for the dock, our only recourse is a right to terminate the lease. Ellen reported that Waterside, in conjunction with BORP (Bay Area Outreach & Recreational Program), at the north side of the Lagoon, had obtained a grant from the city for building repairs and the creation of a new dock. Because of this, it was felt that the city would be amenable to our repairing or replacing the existing dock. Richard will be consulted about who to contact in the Berkeley city government.

6. New Business

The annual meeting will be held January 27, 2010. There will be a search for new Board members to replace those who are stepping down.

The next Board meeting will be January 5, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sawyer, secretary