

Berkeley Paddling & Rowing Club
Board Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 27, 2010
6:30 p.m. – home of Rachel Haurwitz and Alex Smoligovets

Present: Jon Greer, Rachel Haurwitz, Susan Sawyer, Siri Schubert, Mike Smith, Alex Smoligovets, Jane Toro, Ned Trippe, plus guest speaker Don Dommer

1. The meeting was called to order by Ned Trippe.
2. The minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2010, were approved
3. Treasurer's report: Rachel and Mike

The checking account has \$10, 523.49; the CD account \$16, 900.18.

The Club had paid for club membership to the American Canoe Association, which includes insurance for paddling members. The Club no longer belongs to USACK. Members who wish to participate in the May 2 event will pay \$5 in order to be insured by ACA for the day.

The Club purchased a new K2 for \$2300; part of that cost will be reimbursed by members who had previously volunteered contributions in order to purchase the boat.

Mike reported that all tax forms have been filed for this year.

4. Committee reports

A. Boat House

Member Don Dommer, an architect by profession, along with Ned and John Dye, looked at the possibilities for boat storage expansion. The cheapest option also preserving security would be a cyclone fenced structure with a metal roof, extending the boat house along the north side of the boat house by about 70'. The fence would be built on three sides, the fourth side being the end of the boat house. For security, the fence should be 8-10' high, but this will require a variance from the city, which limits fencing to 6' high. The floor could be gravel or concrete. This structure, assuming 25' bays, should hold an additional 20 boats.

The (very) ballpark figure to build the structure is \$20,000, although it could be done in stages - half of the structure now, the second half added on later.

A new dock, of interlocking plastic sections, could be installed for \$15,000 - \$20,000, and could be installed just south of the present dock, so the present dock could still be used during installation. The Board authorized Ned, Don, And John

Dye to create a definite plan for the storage expansion, as well as for the dock and to bring these plans to the Board along with firm costs of construction. Many members of the Board thought that priority should be given to storage expansion, given that doing both projects at once is beyond the club's monetary capabilities, but it was agreed that a final decision should await exact knowledge of the costs.

Jon Greer, Siri, Mike, and Ellen had attended a workshop on how to apply for a U.C. chancellor's grant, the grant having previously been suggested as a source of funds for the replacing the dock, or possibly even the storage expansion project. Jon pointed out that a principle criterion for the grant is a connection with U.C. Because the deadline for application is May 14, it was agreed that our connection with the university needs to be stronger before we apply. Several suggestions were put forth and will be followed up. The grant gives money for projects which, among other things, improves the safety of the community. It was agreed that chances to obtain grant money were greater for a new dock, than for storage expansion.

B. Membership: Siri

The door has been found unlocked on several occasions; the front double doors have been left without either the board or the metal rod in the slats; new members have taken private boats out without permission, apparently unaware of the difference between club and private boats; sculls have not been washed adequately after use. Because there have been so many infractions lately, it was thought that a more formal arrangement for ensuring that new members understand the rules of the Club was needed. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. In the meantime the "12 Commandments" will be put up in more, and more prominent places, in the Club.

C. Equipment: Alex

The new Pocock double is back in the boathouse with its skag repaired, but has not yet been rowed. The Wintech port hole was repaired. The Maas 24 (K) will be getting a new gasket for its leaky bailer.

D. Boat Tracking: Siri

All boats are getting a lot of use; none are sitting idle.

Chris Cooper has not yet removed his kayak and replaced it with his scull.

5. Old Business

A. There was an official vote of thanks to Mike Smith for all the work he has done both researching and pursuing the various tax entities to make our tax status clear.

B. The ski jump is back in the middle of lagoon, although the waterski club is still trying to sell it.

C. Clean-up Day May 8, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

The next meeting will be on June 8, 2010 at Mike Smith's.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sawyer, secretary