

Berkeley Paddling & Rowing Club
Board Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 20, 2010
6:30 p.m. – home of Mike Smith

Present: Ellen Braithwaite, Rachel Haurwitz, Susan Sawyer, Mike Smith, Alex Smoligovets, and guest-member Dave Dahl

1. The meeting was called to order by secretary Susan Sawyer at 6:40.

2. The minutes for the meeting of June 8, 2010, were approved

3. Treasurer' s report: Rachel

The checking account has \$9, 379.59; the CD account \$16, 910.72

In order to purchase the K2 (for \$2300 plus club membership) several members made pledges of money or in-kind services which have not yet been honored.

The women' s toilet will need to be replaced shortly.

4. Committee reports

A. Boat House -

1. New dock at north end of lagoon

Ellen talked with BORP. Their new dock at the north end of the lagoon will be installed sometimes this year, although it does not anticipate its program getting underway until next year. The dock - 10 feet by 40 feet - will initially stick out into the north end by about ten feet, until a ramp for disabled boaters can be built, which will cause the dock to stick out by 15 feet. The completion of that ramp is not foreseen until next year sometime. BORP' s lease restricts their use to the same months as the water skiers.

Waterside Workshop, situated next to BORP, has plans for public use of the dock - school groups and local youth primarily, but also use by the general public. Their program is not yet in place. It is unclear if their lease also restricts use to the same months as the water skiers.

However, whether used often or not, the new dock will require club members to move west as they enter the north end of the lagoon and to be cautious when they turn around and paddle or row south.

2. Expansion and new BPRC dock

A subcommittee was formed to bring specific proposals - with costs, permit requirements, and ways of financing - to the Board for the October meeting. The subcommittee is composed of: Ellen Braithwaite; Ned Trippe, John Dye, Don Dommer, and Dave Dahl.

B. Membership: Ellen

There have been 8 new members since July 1.

C. Equipment: Alex No new breaks or repairs

D. Boat Tracking: Ellen

Ellen will take over temporarily for Siri, who is leaving the area and must resign from the Board.

5. Old Business

A. Google-docs is up and running for posting of Club documents, e.g. the lease, tax filings and correspondence, so future Boards do not need to reinvent the wheel and Ellen agreed to monitor it.

B. The Board passed the following resolution with respect to Club lobbying. In short, it prohibits lobbying but for purposes which directly affect the Club or Aquatic Park:

It is the policy of BPRC not to engage in lobbying or otherwise in attempts to influence legislation (as such terms are construed under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code). However, in specific instances the Board may authorize an appearance before, or communication with, any legislative body concerning action by that body that might affect BPRC's existence, its powers and duties, its tax exempt status, or the deductibility of contributions to BPRC, its lease or other contracts or arrangements with the City of Berkeley pertaining to the boathouse or use of Aquatic Park, or other policies or procedures of the City pertaining to the use, management, or maintenance of Aquatic Park. If in the judgment of the Board, such lobbying activities may constitute more than an insubstantial part of BPRC's overall activities, the Board shall solicit professional advice regarding the possible impact of such activities on BPRC's tax exempt status and consider the option of making a lobbying election under section 501 (h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

6. New Business

Board replacements need to be found for Siri and John Greer

The meeting adjourned at 7:30. The next meeting will be on August 31, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mike Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sawyer, secretary