

Berkeley Paddling & Rowing Club
Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2009

6:30 p.m.- home of Charlie Altekruise

Present: Charlie Altekruise, Kathryn Furano, Rachel Haurwitz, Susan Sawyer, Mike Smith, Alex Smoligovets, John Swensen, Ned Trippe,

1. Meeting called to order at 6:40 by Charlie Altekruise.
2. Minutes of the last meeting - April 28, 2009 - were approved.
3. Treasurer's report: Kathryn
 - a. Checking account: 14, 875.76
 - b. CD account (due 7/9/09): 16, 760.62
 - c. An update of officers was sent to the California Secretary of State.
 - d. The club spent approximately \$1,200 for clothing purchases, 2/3 of which has already been returned to the club in sales. Some members have still not paid for their orders. Club hats and t-shirts are still available.
 - e. U.S. Rowing has a new insurance carrier. Due to better rates, club insurance was increased.
4. Tax report: Mike

A tax advocate representative has been assigned and an IRS agent is to be assigned to our case shortly. (NOTE: subsequent to the meeting the IRS notified the club that its non-profit status had been granted.)
5. Alternatives to CD: Alex

Alex submitted figures for an on-line account, HSBC, to replace the CD, which would be more liquid should the club need the funds quickly for dock repair or another project. The interest figures were lower than for the current CD, but it is likely the rate of interest has lowered in the 9 months since the last roll-over. Kathryn was given discretion to either continue with the CD or put the money in a regular savings account with our current bank, depending on the figures.
6. Boathouse: Ned

Clean-up day on May 9 was a success. Approximately 40 members participated, half of whom stayed for a lunch barbeque. The wash-down area, started by Francis Smith, was completed; the dock was partially repaired; the driveway entrance and various potholes were filled-in; trees were pruned; the boathouse was thoroughly cleaned, the boats cleaned and repaired as needed. See the website for further details and photos.

Both locker rooms still need their floors painted.

Ned is meeting with Egret for a possible joint project to plant trees on the east side of the road near the boathouse to provide a screen from the freeway. The screen would hopefully both beautify the area and be a deterrent to taggers as their work would not be visible.. The trees would NOT be as far south as the parking lot, as the visibility from the road provides some

safety from car break-ins.

There was a discussion of the dock situation. The current dock should probably be replaced but it is sitting on a mound of earth whose dispersal, should the current dock be torn down and replaced at the same sight, might cause some trouble with the lagoon eco-system. A floating dock at an angle to the current dock was discussed, or a dock parallel to the current dock, but a land anchor for the dock would still be needed.

It was decided to purchase additional fire extinguishers for the club.

7. Learn to Row Day will be on Sunday June 21, 2009, from 9-12.

8. Equipment: John

a. Two kayaks were moved into the rafters; Cynthia Perry moved hers out of the boathouse.

b. There is continued interest in purchasing a mid-weight racing double for the club. Rachel has been trying to find a used one for sale, but nothing has become available. It was decided to see what is available in a new scull . John will come up with three alternatives for the next meeting.

7. Old business

a. BPRC Google group has started with an opt-out feature, i.e. everyone with an email address was added, but can easily remove their email address from the group.

b. The Bylaw Committee searched various locations of club documents to see if there were more current versions of bylaws, different from the version Mike Smith has. No different versions were found. The committee will start working on suggested revisions.

8. New Business

a. Mike Smith was voted unanimously to be the Assistant Treasurer for purposes of dealing with the tax issue.

b. Mike thought it important to document all of the club activities during the year to make it easier to prepare the report for the city at the end of the year.

c. Fifteen people of various skill levels came to Dan Perkins' rowing clinic. Ned will see if he is willing to do the clinic again on a quarterly or semi-annual basis. It was also thought that there should be paddling clinics as well

d. An unknown man walked into the women's locker room while two women were changing; a notice will be put up to notify members of the incident.

e. Rachel reported that she has noticed that some members are not signing in and some are not cleaning the boats. There will be a notice to remind members of the necessity for boat sign-ins and the reasons: safety (someone is on the water right now); knowing which boats are being used for space allocation and new equipment purchase; and the report of use for the city of Berkeley.

f. Because of numerous complaints about a potential new member - including failing to meet with mentors at the scheduled time; not taking good care of club equipment or the boathouse; using members oars without permission - it was decided to return his check and refer him elsewhere, where there is a club manager who can monitor his equipment use.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Sawyer, secretary