

Berkeley Paddling & Rowing Club
Board Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 5, 2010
6:30 p.m.- home of Kathryn Furano

Present: Charlie Altekruse, Ellen Braithwaite, Kathryn Furano, Rachel Haurwitz, Susan Sawyer, Mike Smith, Alex Smoligovets, Jane Toro, Ned Tripp

1. Meeting was called to order by president, Charlie Altekruse.

2. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Treasurer's report - Kathryn

The current checking account balance is \$2,138.56, reflecting major purchases this year of the new double and three sets of oars. The income for 2009 (approximately \$22,000) was approximately \$2,000 over that of 2008, due to the increase in membership.

The CD has a balance of \$16,689.72, which everyone agreed to roll-over when it is due on January 9, 2010.

4. Committee Reports

A. Boathouse:

Ned indicated that the recently purchased hose handle was hard to get in and out because the ground coupling did not fit it exactly. A new ground fitting would require digging out and replacing the old one.

Jane reported the front light needs to be repaired.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to continue the use of a single key for the main door and both locker rooms. The discussion centered on whether there was a need for increased security due to the summer intruder into the women's shower room versus the inconvenience of two keys. The bolt on the women's locker room door will be fixed or replaced so it can be used to bolt the door if wanted. The vote was 5-3 with one abstention. (Rachel, Ellen, Kathryn, Ned and Susan voted for one key; Jane, Alex and Michael voted for two keys; Charlie abstained.)

B. Membership

Ellen reported there were currently 157 members in the Club.

The hosting of designated days for membership orientation where prospective members can see the club, get an overview, and ask questions, worked very well. Ellen will prepare quarterly calendar for such events for 2010 so it can be posted on the website.

Because of the increase in number of members this year, the Board agreed that joining the club after January should be done on a quarterly basis rather than ad hoc, to make the membership issue easier on Ellen. Ellen was authorized to make exceptions.

C. Equipment

Action is pending on the following private boats which have not been used the required number of times this year: Jose Emerim, Chris Cooper, Richard Griffoul, Tadas Petrys, Doug Kidder, Larry Jossens (ranger).

Alex is talking to Pocock because of the rigger problem with the new boat. Apparently there is a similar problem with the same model boat at Lake Merced, i.e. it goes to port. Ned suggested the club obtain a credit card for future purchases so that payment can be stopped if a problem arises.

5. Old Business

Mike continues to look into the insurance issue and has talked to Raleigh Wills about comparing policies.

The issue of dock repair will be continued for the new board.

The Annual Meeting will be held on January 27, 2010, starting at 6:00 p.m. for key exchange, with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Members running for the Board are: Ellen Braithwaite, Rachel Haurwitz, Susan Sawyer, Mike Smith, Alex Smoligovets, Siri Schubert, Jane Toro, Ned Tripp.

6. New Business

A kayak member asked if he could install 3 pairs of slalom gates near the dock for practice. The Board agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next Board meeting will be February 2, 2010, at the home of Jane Toro.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sawyer, secretary