

# Minutes for annual BRCC membership meeting

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A Gift from team Dragonmax was presented to coach Rodger Garfinkle, and manager Linda Lee, in appreciation for all their work and dedication to the team.

Paul Kamen (vice President) called the meeting to order.

Emily Erickson (secretary) read the minutes from last year's meeting.

First item of business: Election of BRCC board members.

President: Emily Erickson

Vice President: Paul Kamen

Secretary: Heidi Boley (with the stipulation, if she must relocate,  
Inge Lundegaard will take over her duties.)

Treasurer: Ray L'Esperance

Fleet Captain: Kim Valkner

Competition Director: Rodger Garfinkle

Membership Director: Pamela Drake, with a committee to help with  
Publicity, communications , and youth groups.

Volunteers include: William Cassidy, Ed Salvador, Paul Kamen (youth  
groups) We need more volunteers here!

Congratulations new board members! I'd like to extend a big thank you to outgoing board members Eric Suito and Grant Bennett for all their hard work through the last few years!

New Business: Paul Kamen proposed the following changes to BRCC operating rules, and the board voted approval.

Item 1) A new Steersperson certification category.

"Limited outside Steersperson" This category is under the conditions:

a) wind and wave conditions are mild and within normal limits for outside operation.

B) The boat remains within 100 meters of an accessible shoreline. (rocks, rip-rap or beach, but not the fishing pier, or an isolated breakwater.)  
No exceptions for extremely mild weather.

C) The steersperson must pass the outside steersperson written test, have one year of active BRCC membership, and approval by the BRCC vice president.

Item 2) Mandatory wearing of PFD's when outside the marina, for legal and Insurance purposes.

A) PFD's approved by the US Coast Guard, type 11, 111, or V. This includes the inflatable type, but type 1V, does not meet BRCC requirements.

Item 3) Adult BRCC members who have answered yes on their swimming declaration, may remove their PFD while INSIDE the Berkeley Marina. The PFD shall be kept in close proximity to the paddler, and available for immediate use.

Item 4) All non-swimmers, or those not able to swim due to injury, MUST wear their PFD's at all times.

The following Safety Issues were discussed.

A) Steerspersons should have a cell phone in plastic bag in pocket, with phone numbers of the Coast guard, and Berkeley police keyed in.

B) The Steersperson should make a count of how many people are on the boat.

C) Establish a partner system, know if your seat mate can swim, and look out for each other.

D) Kim suggested a count off system, and we agreed to check out how other clubs handle these issues.

E) Wording will be re-evaluated on swimming waivers.

F) Insurance for officers and directors will be looked into, and steerspersons.

Reports: Membership Director: Pamela Drake reported we have 67 paid members. If you have not already done so, you must give Pamela an emergency contact number.

Treasurer: Grant Bennett gave the financial report. If you would like to see a copy, please request, and I'll email it to you.

#### Old Business: Penn Yan

Though there is a deficit at this time, the general consensus is we will put some of the stock money into doing the necessary repairs,( bottom job, etc.) So it will be ready, and we can continue to develop plans for future usage.

- a) youth fishing trips
- b) safety boat
- c) outings of group members and friends, as long as they reimburse for expenses, and a captain is aboard.

Future Fundraisers: Phyllis Ritchie proposed we have two fundraisers this year, and she and Darlene Dami will look at dates, and we'll make decisions soon about that, so we can line up raffle donations, and publicity. The first one will be after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, so we can get a lot of tickets sold at the event at the Marina.

Final word: Warren requested 44 space blankets be purchased, and 22 kept on each boat, in case of emergency. That will be a fleet captain Purchase, and will take up little room on the boats.

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