

## March 26, 2012 BRCC Board Meeting Minutes Berkeley Yacht Club

**Present:** Board members: Ray, Jill, Katrine, Lora, Paul, Judy, Phyllis, Rodger  
Guests: Emily Erickson and Gary Young

A. **Minutes:** February meeting minutes approved.

### B. DIRECTOR REPORTS and UPDATES

- a. Membership Report – Lora: There are 99 current members paid to date including 12 new members Jan – March, 1 in Nov. Lora is working on a “New Member Welcome Packet” but will need some help with the bullits for her outline for the packet. All agreed that this packet is great idea and needed. Lora will work on letter for packet and present to board in April or May.  
Reminder to board and members that you must be a BRCC member race with any teams for both in and out of town races.
- b. President – Jill: We have had 2 stolen kayaks over the last few months. The insurance company has reimbursed us \$800 for the 1<sup>st</sup> and better kayak and no claim will be sent in for the 2<sup>nd</sup> one.
- c. Treasurer’s Report – Ray:  
Money/budget: BRCC is doing well. We have a total of \$3732 (includes \$800 reimbursement for kayak) in cash in our accounts. We will continue to have yearly dues paid as well as new members, and money from our fundraiser. We will have approx \$8000 in anticipated expenses this year including insurance premiums, renovation of other dragonboat, Outreach Committee expenses.  
Sale of the Penn Yan: Ray advertised the Penn-Yan on Craigslist for 4000 dollars. There were three calls and one person came and looked at the boat.
- d. Outreach Committee – Judy L.:
  - FunCheapSF East Bay: dragonboat rides offered for the 2nd Saturday each month @ 10:30am since both boats not full at this practice, and it is easier to get last minute volunteers right after the Saturday 9am practice.
  - BRCC logo tablecloth: Pamela will help with this. Need a print shop. Any suggestions? Judy is checking out a place in Concord.
  - El Cerrito High School team: Have two math teacher sponsors: Lisa has offered to share practice with San Leandro on Wed but so far only 3 El Cerrito students have come. They prefer Sat or Sunday. Last two Sundays had 10 E.C. students.
  - Albany High: Judy e-mailed them to come out again, and sent them the new 2012 waiver. Jenny is an Albany PTA member and will follow up with info to them.
  - Lawn sign markers: Need these for our event or even to use at other times for new paddlers.

### C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- a. BRCC Website – Paul has done a great job of creating and managing the BRCC website. But, it is time to up-date the website and enable more than one person to have access to it to be able to make changes, add info, manage the calendar. Alissa (with Emily’s help) has been working on the DragonMax website which Emily took over from Jill Fidler. She is looking at Wordpress as a possible template for DM site as it is easy to use and by more than one person, cost efficient (\$12/yr), HTML. At the May meeting Alissa will present the new DM site so the board can have a

better idea of what she is suggesting might work for the BRCC site in the future. Alissa is an experienced coder, and we are lucky to have her skills and expertise to work on this.

b. Small Fleet – Board Members, Gary :

**Gary** is interested in expanding our kayak program. Kayaks can play a vital role in our overall paddling skills. The dragonboat paddlers can always get a good workout with kayak paddling.

Types of kayaks:

- Sit inside: less stable, less safe, need more training to use, rolls more easily
- Sit-on top: Very stable and safe, easy to learn how to use
- single or tandem: a tandem or 2 person kayak would get more use. Can be used by 1 or 2 paddlers.

Obtaining kayaks: suggests a 2 person tandem, sit on top style

- Donations: can give tax credit for a donated kayak. Will be asking a few possible sources ie donations from lapsed kayakers about donating their kayak for a tax credit letter. Gary encourages other members to do same.

- Purchase: tandem may cost around \$1000.

Kayak program: discussion about need for use instructions, safety, self-rescue. If we had more kayaks we could schedule paddle events ie paddling to dim sum in Emeryville.

Logistics: Current known qualified paddlers are Dave, Paul, Gary, Jane. A system needs to be in place for checking out the kayaks for use, instruction to new paddlers, locking kayaks up, storing them for winter.

Vote: board supports Gary in his efforts to get new kayaks for BRCC. He will be sending out an e-mail to members about this.

**Paul** is also interested in would eventually adding SUPs (paddle boards) to the small fleet.

c. Bylaws Changes:

– Gary and David were invited to share ideas about the use and development of the BRCC small fleet; Gary was able to attend. Discussed the possible addition of a new board member position, Small Fleet Capitan. There has been very little use of our small fleet boats; there has been no promotion of their use and two of the boats were recently stolen. Paul strongly believes having this position could promote the development of the small fleet program as well as its management. We currently don't have a volunteer knowledgeable enough, or willing to become a board member and take on the development of the small fleet program. (Gary does not have time to be a board member but is willing to help out with the kayaks not the OCs). Another suggestion was to make this a Committee Chair rather than a board member and see if the program gets up and running before creating another board position, using the model of Outreach Committee Chair to Outreach Director. No decision or vote at this time about this item.

- Need to review and update all the board members roles. Tabled until April or May meeting.

D. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** To be announced.

E. **ADJOURNMENT**