

Minutes of the BRCC Board of Directors Meeting

4-22-14

Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson (Jill) at 7:26 p.m. in the Fireside Nook of the BYC.

Present: Jill L'Esperance, Paul Kamen, Jane Magid, Peter Boland, Henry Viets, Rodger Garfinkle, Ed Salvador, Eric Suitos, Thuy Nguyen, Linda Bonura

DIRECTOR REPORTS

A) The meeting began with a report on our **Small Fleet** by Ed and Jane.

- The captains want to increase awareness of and interest in the kayaks and the OC1 that we currently have. It was suggested that Jane be commissioned to write up some rules and procedures governing the use of the equipment along with a standardized guide to safety equipment and practices to be used by anyone wishing to utilize the vessels inside the marina. Jane graciously offered her time and expertise to anyone wishing to learn more about the safe operation of any of the small fleet equipment.

B) **Membership Report** – Thuy

- During the past month 6 new members joined DragonMax, 4 of them from Bayer. This is the list from Thuy's report:
 1. *Christine Knobel*
 2. *Mary McDonald*
 3. *Sandy Lee (from Bayer Company, former Dmax)*
 4. *Kim Valkner (from Bayer, former Dmax)*
 5. *Lily Fajarrdo Pella (from Bayer)*
 6. *Daisie Ogawa (from Bayer)*

Total number of active members as of 4/22/2014 = 144 (126 DragonMax paddlers, 7 Bayer paddlers, 9 AT&T paddlers and 2 Berkeley HS students)

C) **Treasurer's Report** – Eric

- Current balances in our accounts are - \$12,520.64 checking, \$605.95 savings, \$26,568.50 value of Apple stock
- Income from fundraising - \$12,108.83 (Crowdtilt \$10,668.80, Title Nine \$2,000, T-shirt sales \$720.03, on-line auction \$220)
- Sponsorships - \$1,000.00
- Other donations - \$650.00
- Expenditures for the Ravenna subsidy were \$16,540, and \$6,920 was advanced from membership

- The high school team has \$500 in their account

A motion was made by Paul and seconded by Eric to subsidize membership fees for up to 4 kids who might be having trouble financing their participation. Discussion centered around clarifying that the subsidy would not in any way undermine Lawrence's vision of having his students work hard for this opportunity and to give back to the community-at-large. Motion passed unanimously.

D) Outreach – Henry

- Bay Festival was successful.
- Several ideas were brainstormed for streamlining volunteers and supplies
- Discussion was begun for July 4th preparations – rides will be from 12-5 p.m.

E) Coastal Conservancy Grant Update – Paul

- All grant paperwork has been completed and a check for \$1500 should be coming soon!

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A) Parks and Waterfront Commission Presentation

- Jill and Henry represented BRCC at the last meeting of the commission. We enjoy their good support. Some concern was raised by Commission members about the ongoing berthing of the Pen Yan in the marina. Linda volunteered to email membership to find someone who could store the boat until its sale. (Update: We may have found a member who can take that on.)

B) Installing a 7' shed on the dock

- Discussion continued on the feasibility of installing a larger locker/shed on the dock and how the dock would have to be reconfigured in order to facilitate this.

Jill made a motion and Linda seconded it to delegate the decision for this project to Ed. After some discussion the motion passed unanimously.

C) Website Redesign

- Henry brought up the topic of the outdated BRCC web presence and it was agreed that an overhaul would help with timely communication and membership outreach. The DragonMax website is not under the mandate of BRCC, however and is currently being maintained by a volunteer. Henry would like an active Facebook link to BRCC/DragonMax to be maintained. At the present time we don't have a web page designer, but the potential for fundraising (ie. Crowdfunder) and other communication with membership (current and potential) is likely to be improved through social media.

D) Ravenna Planning Commission

- The next round of Ravenna subsidies to be offered to paddlers were discussed. There will be both needs-based and participation-based subsidies.
- Expenses in Ravenna include (approximately) \$5,000 in fees, \$7,000 in team dinners, and \$7,000 in transportation costs to and from the hotel and racing venue

Rodger made a motion to announce both types of subsidies to Ravenna paddlers and let them know that an application for financial aid will need to be filled out. The motion was amended by Eric to stipulate that the Board fund the subsidies and Rodger inform Ravenna paddlers of the availability of such. It was also stipulated that the Board would review applications blindly (no membership information attached). The only people to know who applicants are will be Rodger and Linda. Rodger seconded the amended motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.