

## Minutes of the BRCC Board Meeting

April 18, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Berkeley Yacht Club. Present: Jenny So, Rodger Garfinkle, Paul Kamen, Mary Ann Rettig-Zucchi, Nancy Diao, Mary McDonald, Linda Bonura

Approval of Minutes – Nancy moved and Mary Ann seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 23 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report (Jenny) – Current membership numbers are: 159 Dragonmax, 33 Rough Riders, 54 Cal. 246 BRCC members total New members: Ashley Lasher, Charise Alcontin, Deena Lawrence

Treasurer's Report (Nancy) –

1. Non-profit filing to the State of California was complete on 3/11/16.

2. Financial snapshot as of 4/17/16:

Balance as of 2/22/16	\$ 8,045.33
Adds: membership:	1,200.00
donation:	100.00
Total:	\$ 9,345.33
Uses: misc admin:	59.42
membership:	39.92
safety:	72.23
refund membership:	100.00
Total:	\$ 271.57
Balance as of 4/17/16*	\$ 9,073.76
Plus: savings	606.31
Total:	\$ 9,680.07

(\* \$16.88 less than banking account balance of \$9,090.64.)

3. Complete transfer of Apple stock account and post box key from Eric by the next board meeting.

Secretary Update (Linda) - We want to commend Donald Wu for his brilliant reinterpretation of our DragonMax website. I (Linda) have contacted him to see what is needed to fully realize it and get all links up and running. We are very close to being 100% complete. We are waiting for the final draft of our team history but it should be ready very soon.

President's Report (Mary Ann) – We did well in Adelaide, South Australia at WCCWCs! The support here at home was greatly appreciated, highly motivating, and a real morale booster! We would also like to recognize Mary McDonald in her role as Outreach Coordinator for the outstanding job she did with Bay Fest this year (despite serious challenges to her health at that time!).

Outreach (Mary) – We gave 457 rides this year at Bay Fest, down 20 from 2015. July 4 is coming up! Prior to this event we will update our Public Relations Photo Board to include more recent photos. YMCA camp has an event coming up and Mary will keep membership informed of volunteer needs. Mary is also actively outreaching to other summer camps in our area and Albany Elementary Schools want to send approximately 90 children for a paddling field trip. We will need 2-3 shifts for this.

Fleet Report (Grant) – Grant is still traveling abroad so we will address boat maintenance scheduling when he returns.

Competition Director (Rodger) – “World Championships, yay!!” A direct quote!

Rodger would like to tweak his coaching model to something less technique-driven (less individual coaching during practice hours). His goal is to get more paddling in and talk less. Paddlers needing help with ANY technique should seek assistance from Rodger or his designees (veteran paddlers willing to help) before or after practice. It is also recommended that paddlers get into a boat before or after practice to work on technique independently.

At present, Treasure Island plans are not firm.

## **Discussion Items**

Are we/should we be limiting growth of our club? Have we outgrown our boat capacity? Rodger says, “Not yet.” But we are moving closer to having a newbie boat on Saturdays. We currently have 4 volunteer assistant coaches who are willing to rotate weekly to provide extra coaching help in the boats. Rodger will communicate a directive to those volunteers to make sure that all instruction is standardized.

How do we “manage” growth? We need more steers-people to allow us to better utilize our fleet during the current non-practice times. This would provide more practice opportunities in the future. Rodger does not want us to impose a cap or limit on growth. Our only limit would be, in Rodger’s opinion, when our “footprint” in the marina becomes too large.

We are a welcoming and inclusive club. As more members want to pursue more competitive goals DragonMax will support their training in that regard.

How do we find ways to include the Rough Riders more?

We might also begin sending regular emails to Cal paddlers and coaches inviting them to join us in our events.

Invite reps from Rough Riders and Cal to our board meetings so that they can tell us their needs. This would be after the start of the new school year and then be ongoing.

Nancy moved and Linda seconded a motion for adjournment at 8:22. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Board Meeting is June 13 at 7:00 p.m.