

Minutes of the BRCC Board Meeting

June 13, 2016

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mary Ann.

Members present: Jenny So, Mary Ann Rettig-Zucchi, Nancy Diao, Mary McDonald, Grant Bennett, Rodger Garfinkle, Paul Kamen, Linda Bonura

- I. Nancy moved and Mary Ann seconded the motion to **approve the minutes** of the April 18th meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- II. **Membership Report** (Jenny) – 170 DragonMax, 54 Cal, 41 Rough Riders = 265 total
There have been 14 new members enrolled since April and all of them joined the DragonMax team. Most of these members are from the Albany Senior Center! New members by name: Ying Zon, Carlin Young, Sam (Yu) Chen, Timothy Jeung, Jennifer Joh, Julia Lee, Zion Lee, Mary Ann Leff, Mary Ling, Daniel Santillan, Chris Tang, Zili Wang, John Wang, Daniel Wu. Jenny also has a new email address:
somak527@gmail.com
- III. **Treasurer Report** (Nancy) – Nancy emphasized that dues are our principal funding and that, barring any extraordinary expenses, we are very financially healthy. We received an \$800 donation from Tyler's Mystery Tours (a for-profit team-building company), and we receive some quarterly donations from employer matching contributions. Nancy's financial report is attached but the bottom-line figure for current bank balance is \$14,232.50.
- IV. **Outreach Report** (Mary Mc) – We have provided 8 dragonboating outreach events since April! We have entertained 180 paddlers with 13 volunteers. 6 more events are scheduled through September and our annual 4th of July event is coming up soon. Members are asked to sign up on the spreadsheet with their availability. (When necessary, Mary can solicit volunteers face-to-face because she backs up the online spreadsheet with a hard copy and keeps it with her! Thank you, Mary!!) Mary will work in partnership with Paul Kamen to notify all winners of silent auction prizes and coordinate the scheduling of these events.
- V. **Fleet Management Report** (Grant) – Grant would like for the seats and center beams of the Max and Ruby boats to be sanded, sealed and painted by July 4.* He needs volunteers. The idea of veneering the seats instead of painting them has been abandoned for now. (*The painting project was successfully completed under Grant's leadership. Thank you!!) Grant also fixed the Velcro on the seat of the

club's OC-1. An email was sent to all members, including Cal paddlers, to urge caution and care when removing the seat for adjustment.

VI. **Competition Report** (Rodger) – There is a newbie race in Foster City in 2 weeks (June 26) and Vancouver races June 18 and 19. There are no Regional competitions for us this year. The question was raised about whether or not BRCC would like to subsidize the Lake Merritt (formerly Treasure Island) fees this year in the amount of \$500. (See the motion under “Discussion Items” later in this report.)

VII. **President's Report** (Mary Ann) – Nothing new to report at this time.

VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a) A 10-person dragonboat is coming up for auction through the City of Oakland. They have two boats available but we are only interested in one of them. If we make a successful bid for the boat we have to arrange transport to the Berkeley marina. There will also be repair costs. Grant, Paul and Ray L'Esperance will evaluate the condition of the boat before we submit a bid. Mary Ann submitted the sealed bid.
- b) Painting the Ruby/Max seats – paint costs are \$100/gallon and we will need 4 gallons plus sandpaper and sealant. Mary Ann moved and Mary seconded to approve an expenditure of up to \$500.00 to complete this job. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) Do we continue to subsidize San Francisco International Dragon Boat Festival fees for our teams? Paul moved and Jenny seconded a motion to subsidize \$500.00 per registered DragonMax team in line with what we have been doing in the past. Motion passed unanimously. The expenditure will be \$2,000.00 total because we have registered 4 teams.
- d) Pursuant to a capsized incident there was discussion about whether or not to purchase a dock ladder or railing to assist paddlers exiting kayaks. The prevailing opinion is that the board needs more information before proceeding. DMax member Leslie will be asked to flesh out a proposal and bring it to the board.
- e) Donations from for-profit businesses - When a company sells a team-building event and brings participants for a dragonboat on-water experience, we (BRCC) don't charge for this. We view it as part of our commitment to promoting the sport of dragonboating to our community. What are the legal, ethical and accounting ramifications of accepting DONATIONS from these businesses? Some research will be done before the August meeting to help us clarify a policy around this.
- f) A decision was made to limit postings on the BRCC website to facts about BRCC and the sport of dragonboating in general.

g) The current board discussed changing meeting times to 4:30 p.m. pre-practice instead of at 7:00 p.m. post-practice on the second or third Monday or Tuesday of the month. The current board voted to make this change for the time being.
Next board meeting is Monday, August 15, at 4:30 p.m.

Linda moved to adjourn and Mary seconded the motion at 5:41 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.