

Minutes of the BRCC Board Meeting

12-12-16

Meeting was called to order in the dining room of the BYC at 7:18 p.m. All board members were present (Welcome, Emma!), as well as Warren Yee who was scheduled to present a dock expansion proposal.

Approval of Minutes – Mary Ann moved and Rodger seconded the motion to approve the minutes after one edit was made (completed and recorded). Motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report (Jenny) – One new member joined this month. That is Brian Wong. We have added 35 new members for the year. Current membership totals are 162 DragonMax, 46 Rough Riders, 67 Cal.

Outreach Report (Mary) - Number of events this year - 26

This includes outings for 12 community groups, 4 professional groups, 5 silent auction winners, and 5 corporate team building events. In total, about 32 members have volunteered about 252 hours, and have shown a huge amount of flexibility and generosity in donating their time. I haven't had to turn down one request, and I've always had support to help adapt to last minute changes. The volunteer hours for Judy's event are not included so I will bump this total up once I get her hours.

Last year we did 13 events. This year there are no more events currently scheduled, but we have one scheduled for early January.

For Bay Festival, we gave rides to 457 happy paddlers – nearly the same as last year, and up substantially from the year before that.

On 4th of July we gave rides to about 835 people - that's about 55 boats full of folks, and is up 130 rides from last year.

Fleet Report (Grant) - We would like to recognize the hard work of the Rough Riders in keeping up with boat maintenance, specifically the brushing/cleaning of boat bottoms.

The skeg of the green kayak is currently being secured with Gorilla Tape, but seems to be OK for now!

Our club paddles need to be re-taped around the edges.

Our club OC (outrigger) rack is currently being housed at the Berkeley Yacht Club. We do not have room for it on M dock.

Competition Report (Rodger) – We have officially begun our training program for 2017!

Safety Report (Paul) – All vessel navigational lights are functional. Steerspeople are reminded to keep a flashlight close at hand for emergency signaling. We have 2 new certified steerspeople – John Mellquist and Brian Wong! Congratulations John and Brian!

Treasurer Report (Nancy) – We are reminded that to be in compliance with BRCC budget guidelines we must seek approval for all expenditures over \$100 before moving forward with purchases. Tonight Rodger moved and Mary Ann seconded a motion to approve Paul’s reimbursement request for more than \$100 even though prior approval had not been obtained. The expenditures were for the welfare of the club (promotional postcards) and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial snapshot as of 12/11/16:

Balance as of 9/27/16:	\$ 20,422.76	(1)
Adds: membership:	2,185.00	
donation:	3,200.00	
key:	15.00	
Total:	\$ 25,822.76	

Uses: membership:	321.73	
administrative:	117.31	
equipment:	536.84	(2)
outreach:	460.15	(3)
safety:	27.17	
Total:	\$ 1,463.10	

Balance as of 12/11/16:	\$ 24,359.66.	(4)
Plus: savings:	606.43	
Total:	\$ 24,966.09	

Notes:

1. Instead of \$20,42.74 as last reported, spreadsheet error.
2. Includes \$500 for purchase of OC2.
3. Includes \$ 315.05 for the breast cancer event.
4. \$20.86 less than checking account balance of \$24,380.52.

President’s Report (Mary Ann) – Our berthing request for the Fay Ying has been postponed until the Annual Meeting of the Coastal Commission in February. The request will be presented at the same time as our annual request for free berthing for our other vessels based on our service mission and community outreach events.

Mary Ann clarified a point relating to election of BRCC board officers. Officers serve until they resign. It is not necessary to solicit new candidates for each position every year. However, at any time, a BRCC member may nominate themselves for a board position and have their name placed on the ballot for consideration at the January Annual Meeting when election of officers occurs.

Discussion and Action Items

*Rodger moved and Paul seconded a motion to amend the BRCC bylaws to create more flexibility around the scheduling of our annual meeting. Although it will still be held in January it is sometimes necessary to meet on a weekend other than the second weekend of the month. The board would like to have discretion over this. Motion passed unanimously.

*Goals of the Annual Meeting – 1) educate membership about function and role(s) of BRCC; 2) solicit volunteers for the many tasks and committees that keep BRCC smoothly serving its members and guests; 3) celebrate accomplishments of BRCC in 2016; 4) publicize the fact that community service cards can be signed for service to our organization.

*Nancy moved and Mary Ann seconded a motion to approve up to \$750 as a refreshment budget for the 2017 Annual Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

*Dock Reconfiguration/Upgrade – It was generally agreed among all board members that we should use our available budget to create a Good Dock. Our existing configuration is blocking other users of the walkways and is creating potential hazards (slipping, falling, equipment damage) because of excessive tippiness and limited access to the small fleet and the 10-person dragonboat. We need more room for our growing fleet and we need more locker space, too. Our “want” is an additional 10X20 foot dock where the OC-1 is currently berthed. We seem to have 3 options when it comes to acquiring this dock: a) buy an existing dock and have it installed in Berkeley; b) create more dock space by adding more floating docks up to the square footage we desire; c) build a dock ourselves.

Warren Yee took considerable time to develop and illustrate for the board 4 distinct dock configuration plans. He presented these plans to the board and there was vigorous discussion of the pros and cons of each. Rodger moved and Mary Ann seconded the motion to pursue Option Three (attached) as our goal with added locker space included. The motion passed with one abstention (Paul).

Adjournment – Mary Ann moved and Grant seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:23. Motion passed unanimously. Our next meeting is January 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the BYC.

