

MINUTES OF THE BRCC BOARD MEETING 2-13-2017

Meeting was called to order in the lobby of the BYC at 7:22 p.m.

All board members were present:

Mary Ann Rettig-Zucchi, BRCC President

Paul Kamen, BRCC Vice President

Rodger Garfinkle, BRCC Competition Director

Jenny So, BRCC Membership

Grant Bennett, BRCC Treasurer

Mary McDonald, BRCC Outreach

Mike Graham, BRCC Fleet Captain

Barbara Nishi, BRCC Secretary

Emma Regev, Rough Riders representative

Warren Yee also attended to present new proposals for the dock expansion project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

One edit was made to the 12-12-16 minutes: in the President's Report the berthing request was made to the Waterfront Commission, not the Coastal Commission. Mary Ann moved to approve the minutes as amended, Mike seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mary Ann

1. M dock Parking Lot Safety

On Monday February 16th, I met with Ali Endress, Waterfront Manager and Officer Chris Scott, the Area Coordinator for the Berkeley Police Department to discuss the what can be done about the rash of car break-ins near M-dock. Here is a summary of our conversation:

Officer Scott offered the following . . .

Bad news

- The folks breaking into cars are pros at it and can operate very quickly. There have been break-ins at Skates even when Security is there (Security may be sitting in the car texting or patrolling the other end of the lot).
- When the PD starts to follow a suspect, the suspects speed up and get away. PD policy is not to chase a suspect for property damage. Suspects know this and take off.
- The entire marina area (Restaurants, docks, hotel) is hit frequently.
- Even if we were willing to pay for it, as suggested by one DragonMax member, he doubts any security company would be willing to have a contract with such limited hours.

Good News

- The beat that we are a part of has shrunk slightly meaning that the officers won't be spread quite as thin.

- I have provided a list of all of our practice times (DM & Rough Riders) to Officer Scott. He is sharing that with beat officers so they can, as possible, plan to patrol when many vulnerable vehicles are parked there.
- Officer Scott will send me tips (lock your vehicle, don't keep valuables in your car etc.) to share with all of BRCC.
- New signs will limit parking to 4 hours in the lot which means that Parking Enforcement Officers will be showing up from time to time.
- Even partial license plates with vehicle descriptions help the track down suspects.

Requests/Recommendations

- Remind members to never leave valuables in cars. He said cars are not broken into if there is nothing in them (I told him that mine was broken into in Emeryville in Jan with nothing in it. . .)
- If we see a car going in and out of parking lot, appearing to be casing the cars, call the non-emergency # 510 981-5900.
- Report all break-ins to BPD.
- Having people around does serve as a deterrent. If we have volunteers staying in the parking lot while others are practicing it is critical that they do not engage with anyone appearing to commit a crime. If folks monitor the lot, have a flashlight (if at night),
 - Do not engage with anyone
 - Get as much info as possible re car, license, descriptions
 - Take pictures/video with caution (that can escalate situation)

2. Cal team

I have been in touch with Austin Vuong of the Cal team. I let him know that we now have a member of the Rough Riders on the BRCC board and would welcome a Cal team member as well. Here is his reply:

I believe that our members are too busy with their own clubs and other officer positions to commit to being a regular board member nor have reliable transportation, sorry! However, I personally would love to keep updated with your meetings and like minutes. I have class on Mondays at that time so I don't believe I'll be able to attend. Thank you for the invitation.

3. Annual Report and Application for Fee Waiver for Berthing

I am submitting the Annual Report and seeking guidance on the request for additional dock space.

MEMBERSHIP – Jenny

We have total 232 members including 152 DM, 53 Cal and 27 Rough Riders.

We have 3 new members who joined us in January. They are Linda Connolly, Michael O'meara and Melissa Eizenberg. Please inform Melissa to submit her waiver and membership form if anyone meets her.

We are still missing the current waivers from 1/3 of our DM members, and 1/2 of Cal members. I will keep following up with the members.

DOCK DISCUSSION

Synopsis of Grant and Paul's previously submitted dock project options:

BRCC Dock Project Options	California Custom Docks (research by Grant)	Connect-A-Dock (research by Paul)
Dimensions	10 x 20 feet	14 x 14 + 10 x 10 (includes one existing 6x10 Connect-a-Dock module)
Construction Materials	Flotation modules with a wood frame, plywood substrate, and a concrete deck	Roto-molded plastic (same construction as most of our kayaks and lockers)
Anticipated lifespan/durability: Maintenance Requirements	My estimate is 10 years. Minimal maintenance although painting the concrete deck might prolong the life	40 years. No painting or surface treatment required. Should be scrubbed clean every few months (our lockers should be scrubbed clean every few months too...)
Total Cost (materials, transportation, installation)	Base cost is \$65 a square foot at West Sacramento: \$13,000. I have not been able to find shipping information.	\$10,812 (includes \$1500 for shipping, does not include sales tax) This is \$45.80/ft², counting new float sections only.
# of boats it will accommodate	If the amas can be tipped up so that the OCs can be nested there would be ample room for three boats.	3 outriggers. Initially intended for one OC-1 and one OC-2, but will accommodate three OCs with only minor crowding.
Room for Storage Lockers?	Yes	Yes, plan includes upgrading west locker to 7.5 x 7.5, same size as the big locker on the east side.
Impact on Marina	200 square feet of inside tie space.	Minimal. No space needed for construction or assembly, no special anchoring system required. We could install these docks entirely "below the radar" of the Marina Office, as with previous float expansions, but it's probably better to let them know what we're up to and show them the plan.
Advantages/Beneficial Features	Great stability	Factory built, zero maintenance, minimal installation time. Nothing to build. Floats lock together to form a single rigid unit. Parts are modular and can be linked together in different ways if our future needs require a different configuration (e.g.

		if we don't get a separate berth for the 10-person and have to reconfigure the new docks to accommodate.
Concerns/Questions		Modular design means that we can hand-carry each of the sections to the water and install them in place one at a time. No big launch/tow operation as with a single large float.

Warren presented various new proposals for expanding the dock to accommodate the OC, locker and kayaks, as well as to ease traffic flow and kayak accessibility. Discussion ensued about cost, materials, transportation, construction and Marina approval. It was decided that in order to make a decision, it was necessary to determine a budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Grant

Cash Position February 13, 2017

Beginning Balance January 1, 2017		26,051.71
Income Items		
Membership	689.50	
Donations	1,388.10	<u>2,077.60</u>
Sub-Total		28,129.31
Expense Items		
PBDA Membership	300.00	
Annual Meeting	406.00	
Boat Insurance	1,041.00	
Monthly Birthday Expense	83.50	
Adjustment to Bank Balance	47.94	<u>1,878.44</u>
Checking Account Balance February 13, 2017		26,250.87

Fund Balances February 13, 2017

Youth Team Funds	11,476.83	
Coach Discretionary	862.00	
Coastal Conservancy Grant	6.66	
Money Market 12/31/16	1,655.55	
Apple Shares 2/13/17	46,651.50	
Total Fund Balances		60,652.54

(Youth Team Funds, Coach Discretionary, and Coastal Conservancy Grant included in Checking Account Balance)

DOCK, Continued

More discussion ensued about how much of BRCC's available funds could be allocated to the dock project. Also considered were design, ability to reconfigure pieces, need for Marina approval, maintenance and durability.

Mary Ann moved that BRCC give approval to Paul to purchase Connect-a-Dock modules, with a maximum of \$12,000 to cover all expenses involved in building the new dock. In addition, Paul will go to the Marina office to get an OK for the dock expansion. Roger seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mary Ann said that she would go with Paul to the Marina office seeking dock expansion approval.

It was generally agreed that, for an expense of this magnitude, an explanation of the plan needs to be communicated to the BRCC membership.

OUTREACH REPORT – Mary

Not much to report for Outreach. We did one outreach event on January 9 – in the evening! It was for Brown Froman, they donated \$400 which was \$388.10 after fees. I'll get out a save the date for the Bay Festival in April soon.

Though we prefer to receive checks for donations, Mary suggested we use PayPal to facilitate donations. They charge 2.2% to nonprofits for their services.

Mary Ann moved to set up a BRCC nonprofit account with PayPal. Roger seconded and all approved.

Rodger moved to adjourn the meeting at about 9:30. All approved.