

**South End Rowing Club  
Board of Directors Meeting**  
500 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

**MINUTES**  
February 10, 2010

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Joe Czech, Treasurer	Kim Howard, Director at Large
Kim Howard, President	Tony Ragusin, Handball Commissioner
Robin Kincade, Director at Large	Cathy Delneo, Swim Commissioner
Trudy DiLorenzo, Membership	Jessica Gammell, Director at Large
Dan McLaughlin, Boat House Captain	Owen Mehegan, Rowing Commissioner
Kim Pross, Office Manager	Jim Bock, Entertainment Commissioner
Peter Ross, Past President	Dave Santos, Member Guest/Insurance
Jay Grenfell, Member Guest	Wayne Black, Director at Large
Pauline Yeckley, Member at Large	Ray Zahnd, Building Commissioner

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The board approved the minutes of the January meeting.

**IV. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- A. Kim Howard spoke about making budgets for each event/commissioner. Wants all expenses to be approved before events, hopefully at March meeting. Goal is to not overspend and to get members reimbursed for their expenses.
- B. Cathy Delneo spoke about the Alcatraz on Jan 1 (110 swimmers!), Coughlan Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. Pier 39 on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. A new member finished first on the Pier 39. Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Jim gave his pilot class with 30 participants. Also spoke with PMS. Our swims are considered "practices" under PMS and only one person who is a "coach" (head pilot or race director) who is overseeing event has a membership to be included in insurance coverage. Every swimmer who is there MUST show their card at registration, and then the club swims and long swims will be considered coached practices and they are covered by PMS insurance. Ex: 2 swimmers collide in the water, or walk on the beach and trip over a rock, the PMS insurance would pick that up.
- C. Ray Z. Minor repairs at no cost. Step at the beach. Barricade around heater in women's sauna. Finished lights in the boathouse. Tony Ragusin asked to have lights replaced in the handball courts. Ray said he'd put it on the schedule.
- D. Joe Czech reported that we are doing better than last year and we have 15K in the Gallagher fund (a member donated a long time ago to help members who need help with funds for English Channel swims and handball tournaments. Designed to be an endowment) but the rule of using interest plus 20% is not much \$ since interest is so low the past few years. Motion to give Kim Pross money for last year for her entrance fee for last year. Passed unanimously.
- E. Dan McLaughlin says exterior hull of the Southend will be varnished 3 days a week for 2 weeks. There will be an odor of varnish. The tarp may impede the walkway near logbook. Caution tape will be put up. Lawley is at the shop. Material cost will be more than he asked for. He will need \$200 more to buy glue. Motion to approve \$1400 total for budget for project. Passed unanimously.
- F. Trudy. 5 new members in February. We have 896 members total.
- G. Jim Bock discussed a few bookings and members who want to rent the club. Everyone

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wants reduced rates so how should he deal with that? Kim suggested we talk about specifics for board members who want to rent the club next meeting.

- H. Owen reported that the first clinic went well and made some money and the krispy kreme row is coming up this weekend.
- I. Tony reported that the Saturday 2/13 tournament is designed for beginners, Sadie Hawkins. St. Patty's day tournament is very popular and for the advanced player. He had an interview with the SF Examiner reporter on Saturday and we will get a plug. He is offering continuing instruction on Sundays if beginners would like to learn.

**V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION MATTERS**

**A. Insurance**

Dave Santos gave an overview of insurance for 2010 compared to 2009. About \$1400 less in total than 2009. He explained how there is not one carrier who would give us one umbrella policy. Each company has a specialty or "appetite" for an industry. He explained that officers/director liability covers defense costs for lawsuits. There has only been one claim against the club in 7 years. Never followed through. Explained that PMS insurance is less important than our third party liability which protects us from the PUBLIC tripping on the front steps. But EVERYONE who is swimming in a club swim MUST be a member of PMS for us to be covered. We will cover people on the beach, but not member to member because we sign a hold harmless when we join. We say will not sue each other as a requirement of joining the club. The day use people who pay \$6 also sign a hold harmless. Your own health or disability will cover you if you get injured here. Suggests an appraisal before we do any more build-outs. Motion to approve the proposal for 2010 insurance. Passed Unanimously.

**B. National Park Service Presentation**

Howard Levitt and Lynn Cullivan attended to give us a briefing on projects around aquatic park, gave status of ships in the water, condition of Victorian park, muni pier and maritime museum. They are re-doing the visitor center to be open by August. Hoping to finish bleachers by May. Lobby is open and mural restoration is in progress. Landscape will be restored to more 1930'ish with low shrubs all around the district. There are old bathhouses behind/under the bleachers. Muni pier is old and deteriorating. Lights and light fixtures have deteriorated so can't keep it open at night any more. Many millions of dollars to retrofit/replace it. Plans to extend the historic streetcars.

**C. Love the Southend Benefit Party**

100 tickets have been sold; expect more at the door.

**D. Kim Pross**

Suggested we pay Adriana dues for 2010 so as not to break her consecutive years of membership. Dan made a motion to continue her membership at no cost to her. Passed with one against, Joe Czech.

**F. TV proposal**

Tony wants a new TV and we'll discuss it next month.

**G Dolphin Club dinner**

Thursday march 4<sup>th</sup> board dinner at their place

**H. Dolphin Club Sharing**

They are doing some upgrades and will need to share our women's locker room for some time in April

**I. Newslettter**

Anna requested that all board members do a short bio and provide a picture for the next newsletter.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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