

## **South End Rowing Club Board Minutes**

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

6:30 p.m.

**All South End Members are welcome to attend Board meetings**

### **Meeting Called to Order**

#### **Roll Call of the Board**

Oliver Gajda, Carl , Susan Blew, Jane Koegel, Pat Cunneen, Kathy, Sarah Glazier, Carol Merryfield, Niland Mortimer, Alan Lapp, Susan Wintersteen, Paula Moran, Fran Hegeler, Simon Dominguez, Dan Morris

#### **Roll Call of Members**

Michael Stortz, Justine Lamb, Joel Kenny

#### **Review and Approval of March Minutes.**

The minutes are approved.

#### **President's Remarks:**

Had a great time on the tour of Australia.  
Be mindful of leaving the door open.

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Report on Boathouse Fundraising & Re-Christening party June 2<sup>nd</sup> (Cy)**

Discussion Rechristening Party on June 2<sup>nd</sup> A big party with drinks and games to celebrate the 12 year repair of the South End Barge. Details distributed to members in separate document. Susan notes that Checks written to parks alliance must first go to SERC office.

#### **Members' Moment** *(injected late because the members had not made a reservation)*

Joel Kenny & Justine Lamb present a full Virtual Reality map of the club. Clearly a huge work. (<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=8oQMGWJ7ZH&brand=0>) They offered to host it and maintain it at no charge. Several members concerned that it would be used to "Case the place" others thought it was fantastic. Nobody could agree what to do with it and we just moved on.

### **Safe Sport Policy Update (Oliver)**

Oliver provided a draft copy of the safe sport policy to the US Rowing commission and took the online class. Several people were concerned that he responded to US Rowing with a draft policy (but this had been agreed upon) and Fran talked about the concerns our lawyer had around liability and precedent with an agreement such as this.

### **Guest Policy and Door Monitoring Update (Fran)**

A final draft version of a communique to club members regarding the Guest policy was handed out.

Discussion about door monitoring hours resulted in a consensus that SERC should staff the door during the hours we are open to the public per our lease, from 10 am to 5pm (on the days of the week alternating with the Dolphin Club each month) and during our busiest hours and days: 6 – 9 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, 8 – 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, especially days with events. Tara Sweet has agreed to lead this effort.

Discussion about the complaints the board has received relative to a recent handball event, and the need for events such as these (which involve non-members) to include provision for door monitoring.

*Motion proposed to have events open to the public must have a door monitor.*

*Motion retracted and an “Action Item” was put forth that Rory should make an “Event Guest Policy”.*

Fran suggests that the communique be sent under the signature of the entire board, including our names, since there had been so much chatter about it on the Google group. Two board members preferred that it go out only under Simon’s name, but ultimately went along with the rest of the board.

### **Information Committee Report (Sarah)**

Sarah had been away so her report was that there was nothing to report.

### **Save Aquatic Park Pier update (Fran)**

The Pier is falling apart, and the National Park Service is in the process of closing parts of it due to safety concerns. Removal of historic lamp posts will soon begin (to allay concerns about them falling) and interventions will likely be made to prevent swimming underneath the pier. She and Reuben, president of the Dolphin Club are co-chairs of Save Aquatic Park Pier (SAPP), a coalition of stakeholders whose mission is to rebuild the pier. Given the complexity of the problem and the magnitude of the cost (a recently released NPS study

suggests \$130 million), the plan is to build a stronger coalition to raise awareness and funds enough to exert political pressure to fix it. We hosted our first awareness raising meeting on 5/17 which involved myriad city agencies, and Fran shared the presentation shown to and by that group. The goal is to - identify city, state, private and philanthropic funding sources to leverage enough federal funding to cover a \$130+ million project.

Fran passed around to board members a presentation recently shared at a SAPP forum that details physical changes proposed for the Aquatic Park area.

### **Treasurer's Report (Susan) (hand out)**

She is seeking an auditor. Estimated cost is \$14-\$20k. She will probably ask to form a committee to help set it up and run it.

### **Membership Report (Kathy)**

We have 23 new members (10 women and 13 men)  
Total of 1292 registered.

### **Calendar Review March (Jane)**

Jane has a hand-written hand-out of the calendar items. All currently on the website.

*Meeting Adjourned with some discussion to talk to Jim about sand being moved across the concrete slab in the back. Also notes to let Pat know about publishers who may be members.*

**Next Board Meeting June 13th, 2018**