**November 28, 2018**

**South End Rowing Club**

**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Roll call:**

Approximately 65 members attended the meeting.

**President’s Remarks**

Simon welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending. He went around the room and asked each Board member to stand, state and explain their role on the Board and indicate how long they had been members. He also singled out other individuals who help the Club: Barry Christian/motor maintenance; Kevin Buckholtz/Google Group; Susan Wintersteen/Office Manager; Sue Free/Election Coordinator.

**Members Moment**

No member wished speak.

1. **Confirmation of interim Board Secretary**

Josh Sale was confirmed unanimously.

1. **Installation of video cameras**

Jim reported on the four cameras currently installed and his desire to eventually cover all of the entrances to the Club. He said captured video would only be reviewed in response to a problem (e.g., theft) and then only by the President or Vice President. Video would only be retained for a limited amount of time (e.g., two weeks).

Jim’s presentation was followed by a spirited discussion which included: would any of the cameras be inside the Club? What happens if somebody is caught doing something wrong? What if SFPD wants to review the video? Will the recordings include sound?

A straw poll seemed to indicate about half the room supported cameras and the other half did not.

Jim and his committee will continue to work this issue in 2019. Simon promised the membership would be notified prior to the Board taking further action on this topic. Club members will be welcome to come to that Board meeting and express their opinions on the subject.

1. **Save Aquatic Park Pier (SAPP)**

Fran introduced Lynn Cullivan (NPS) and Cheryl Reiss (consultant to the SAPP). She showed a PowerPoint presentation which explained the effort including:

* The committee’s five year mission to raise awareness and funding to rebuild both the pier and the park.
* NPS estimates it will cost $130m to rebuild the pier as is, however they recognize that as is won’t address changing conditions such as sea level rise.
* They hope to have the pier rebuilt by 2030.
* There are an amazingly large number of stakeholders to the future of the pier beyond our Club.
* They are exploring numerous funding sources. At the moment the preferred approach is to raise 50% and then get an act of Congress for the other 50%.
* If you have ideas or know of resources that can support this effort, contact Fran.

More information can be found at https://saveaquaticparkpier.com/

1. **Holiday party**

Jane described what is sure to be another fantastic holiday party. She pointed out Alan Lapp who is head chef for the dinner.

This will be Jane’s swan song as Entertainment Commissioner. Everybody hailed her stellar service.

1. **Treasurers report**

Susan reminded the group that we started 2018 with limited reserves because of the building project. The 2018 budget was further constrained because of unanticipated work that needed to be done on the dock.

The Board limited spending in 2018 and as a result we ended the year with $185k in the Special Fund.

The Board did approve a few capital investments at its November meeting and voted to raise the new member initiation fee.

We have lots of deferred maintenance at the Club and the Board hopes to develop a 5 year capital plan in 2019 so that we aren’t surprised with unplanned expenditures.

Susan was loudly thanked for all of the hours she has put into keeping the Club on an even keel and straightening out our finances (another form of deferred maintenance).

1. **Swim Commissioner report**

Kelley gave a fact laden and concise summary of the 2018 swim program:

* 21 Club and nutcracker swims (planning for 26 in 2019).
* Renaming the Golden Gate swim after Bob Roper; naming the black boat after Roper; the dreaded Feb 9th swim will be the occasion of his memorial.
* 7 new pilots and new folks on the Pilot Committee.
* 5 new swim directors.
* After 9 years, Bryce is retiring from the kayak clinics (big appreciation to Bryce); Kelley and Naji will try to fill his booties.
* The NYD qualifier will be December 15.

Kelley won’t be serving another term and was roundly thanked for her service to the Club.

1. **Rowing/Boat House report**

Oliver couldn’t attend the meeting. In his absence Diane Davis recapped the 2018 regattas and 2019 goals for the rowing program. She described attendance of members at Nationals at Lake Merritt, World's in Canada and Head of the Charles. In 2019 they hope to increase outside participation in Club sponsored regattas.

Cy reported that:

* That all of the boats got shiny in 2018.
* There were 50 boat nights resulting in approximately 900 hours of volunteer service.
* We now have two working barges including new oars for the South End.
* The “Police Boat” was renamed after Paul Norquest.
* In 2019 we need to focus on teaching rowing and mentoring new rowers.
* Motto: “Fix’em and float’em”

This is the end of the regatta for Cy. Tom Wurm will be the 2019 Boat House Captain. The room cheered Cy’s efforts on behalf of the Club.

1. **Running Commissioner report**

Sarah described the Presidio Trail Race introduced in 2018. She said that 90% of the runners made it back to the Club (sounds like a swim). They also initiated a Halloween Beer run that was popular.

She hopes to put together an injury prevention program in 2019 that will appeal to members across sports.

Sarah plans to continue in her role in 2019.

1. **Handball Commissioner report**

Rory indicated that two highlights of 2018 were:

* The first ever Women’s West Coast Handball Tournament. The Tournament was well attended, fun and full of upsets. Tournament organizer Kim Howard singled out Sylvia Marino as the Tournament’s single biggest sponsor.
* Several handballers attended Nationals and Worlds and did our Club proud.

The sad news of 2018 was that because of the constrained budget, the courts didn’t get repainted and the floors weren’t refinished. Rory hopes to catch up on these issues in 2019.

Rory plans to introduce a mixed doubles tournament in 2019.

Rory was thanked with laughter after Simon’s off-color joke about handball.

1. **Building Commissioner report**

Jim focused his report on Volunteer Sundays. On the last Sunday of each month members start arriving at 9:00am to do whatever needs doing. Jim pointed out several things around the cook shack as examples of Volunteer Sunday projects (hot sauce anyone?).

The next Volunteer Sunday will be January 27th. Come on down!

Jim was thanked for the countless hours he spends doing unglamorous things around the Club at all hours of the day and night. In typical Bock fashion, he responded with a lame dance move.

1. **Membership report**

Kathy reported that the Club now has 1,521 members! Up 10% from last year. 33% of our members are women. The largest group are aged 60 to 70 but new members tend to be younger (20 to 39).

Kathy noted that renewals will go out on December 1st and she hopes to see all of you come back in 2019.

To much laughter, Simon thanked Kathy for her outstanding service and rued that she would be termed out of office. Kathy used the opportunity to demonstrate are command of detail by correcting Simon … that she wasn’t termed out and would be back in 2019. Everybody was happy to hear this good news.

**The 2018 Membership Meeting adjourned.**