**September 12, 2018**

**South End Rowing Club**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Roll call:**

In attendance: Fran H., Niland M., Carol M., Sarah G., Alan L., Pat C., Jim B., Susan B., Kathy B., Cy L., Bill W., Jane K., Paula M., Oliver G., (Office Manager Susan W.)

Absent from Meeting: Kelley P., Simon D., Josh S.

Acting Secretary: Niland M.

*Joe Butler substituting for Kelley P.*

**1. Approval of August Minutes:**

* 1. Motion to approve: Board approved without revision.

**2. VP Remarks:**

a. Shout out to Sarah Glazer for Tri leadership.

Shout out to Jim B for Floatapalooza.

b. Feedback from Park Service and neighbors about excess of alcohol and nudity post Tri.

c. Vessel Traffic concerns: to be fully reported at October meeting by J.Sale, K.Prebil, J. Lawson.

d. Heads up event: Sunday Sept 16th—Hawaiian Boat celebration

e. Balclutha now scheduled to return to Aquatic Park Feb 2019

f. Moby-Dick Marathon—Sat noon Oct 13th to noon Sunday. Sign ups welcome.

**3. Members Moment:**

SERC member Tom Abbott

[T. Abbott had previously submitted his written formal complaint, and one addendum, in writing to the Board for review.]

Point of order objection: T. Abbott asserted that his matter was meant to be an agenda item, not a member’s moment. Overruled by VP.

T. Abbott maintained that only the Rowing Commissioner has authority to change the dock. Not the BHC or BC.

Board is responsible for the property of the club.

Maintained that the BC and BHC unilaterally changed the dock on a whim.

T. Abbott warned The Board of consequences to not addressing his complaint. (consequences unspecified.)

(T. Abbott raised his voice at board members and engaged in threatening postures and finger pointing before storming out of meeting.)

Member-at-Large Niland Mortimer was appointed by the President to handle the investigation of T. Abbott’s complaint. There were no objections raised to this appointment.

Member-at-Large Alan Lapp asked that the record reflect that there are incorrect assertions in T. Abbott’s letter. Direction to share specifics in the aforementioned investigation.

T. Abbott proceeded to text various Board members throughout the remainder to of the meeting, heightening his threat of consequences.

**Member’s Moment #2:**

Jane Koegel thanked Sarah G. for Interclub Tri organization and leadership.

**4. Discussion on annual Membership Meeting**

1. We need to schedule a Member’s annual meeting per by-laws. Timing Proposed 6:30pm Nov 28. If the board wishes to pursue by-law changes as proposed at earlier meetings, this timing will enable the mandatory notifications to club members two-weeks before.
2. Motion to approve the date of Member’s Meeting: approved.
3. Motion to investigate changes or additions to SERC by-laws: approved, for review at October Board meeting, with the following roles assigned:
4. Treasurer Susan B volunteered to coordinate the actions for proposed by-law changes, including but not limited to:
5. Section 6: clarification of roles of Boat House Captain, Rowing Commissioner, and Building Commissioner: to be investigated with draft language recommendations by the three current commissioners
6. Section 6: Possible addition of a communications commissioner: to be defined by the Communications Committee, led by Sarah Glazer.
7. Sections 8, 9, 10, and 11: update elections and removal/replacement of officers consistent with current and best practices: Sue Free to draft revised language.

Investigation results to be reviewed and finalized at October Board meeting.

1. **Update on Aquatic Park Pier**
	1. Fran H presented overview of SAPP project. No actions required.
2. **Communications update:**
	1. Sarah G. reported that the club tested out MailChimp as a platform for communications. Proposed working with Kathy B to coordinate SportsEngine among other member communications issues.
	2. Proposed upgrading MC to pay version, to be voted on next board meeting ($25/month). SG will investigate possible duplicates.
	3. In transition to move away from GoDaddy, ending services at end of year but for domain hosting.
3. **Tri Update.** (reported by Sarah G.)
	1. Tested Square to sell swag. Will use to sell swag at AI.
	2. Investigate SERC logo design & graphics with communications committee.

c. Rowing Commission Oliver G. made the points that a)“rowing” didn’t lose the Tri, the Club lost the Tri. and b) the club needs to invest more into the rowing program to win in 2019.

d. Sarah G/Alan L proposed to record learnings about 2018 Tri with the intent of better organization and possible changes for 2019, including a more equitable point structure for rowing.

1. **Alcatraz Invitational**
	1. Laura H provided AI progress overview.
	2. No major hitches so far. On track with 600+ registrations, exceeding where we were last year at this time.
2. **Elections Committee**

a. Fran H made motion to have Sue Free serve as 2018 Election Committee: board approved.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
	1. Susan B. detailed unexpected unsecured property tax bill. Bill paid with formal dispute pending. Susan B handling dispute.
2. **Membership Report**
	1. Kathy B reported 1421 total SERC members. 48 new members in Aug.
	2. New members average age is 30’s; total membership average age is 50’s. Trending younger.
	3. Proposed 2018 AI honorary guest legendary marathon swimmer Chloe McCardle to be an Honorary Member. Motion for 1 yr. honorary membership: approved by Board.
3. **Entertainment Report**
	1. Jane K detailed upcoming events and entertainment
	2. Note: no last Sunday day of service in September.