

April 10, 2019
South End Rowing Club
Board Meeting Minutes

Roll Call

Member	Present		Member	Present
S. Dominguez	X		E. Rubel	X
F. Hegeler	X		P. Moran	X
J. Sale	X		R. Moore	X
A. Lapp	X		K. Bailey	X
C. Merryfield	X		B.J. Jaurique	X
N. Mortimer	X		S. Glazer	X
S. Greva	X		V. Cornwell	X
B. Wygant			S. Blew	X
T. Wurm	X			
J. Bock			S. Wintersteen	X

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March minutes: Board approved (16 – 0 – 0).

President’s Remarks

None.

Members Moment

None.

A. Replacement of running commissioner

This was Sarah Glazer’s final meeting as running commissioner. Various Board members recognized a few of her many contributions including managing the Tri, sorting out GoDaddy and bringing vitality to the Club’s running program. Sarah will be missed.

Sarah introduced Kevin Whalen. Kevin had intended to step up to rowing commissioner in 2020 but agreed to step in early for Sarah. He’s a runner, swimmer and upcoming pilot. Kevin hangs out with the Irish (but we won’t

hold that against him). When he's not at the Club, he runs marathons as well as crazy long distance runs in the Rocky's.

Kevin's appointment was approved (7 – 0 – 0) and then by acclamation.

B. Education and safety committee

Niland reported on the initial efforts of this committee. In addition to he and Susan, the committee is composed of Jeany Duncan, Ken Mignosa, Rick Mulvihill and Van.

Niland reported that they intend to:

- identify the location of first aid kits and AEDs at the Club
- install a bell near the steps to the beach that can be used to summon help
- publish rewarming instructions
- explain how to clean wounds
- publish 911 protocols

Niland broached the topic of boundaries for unescorted swimmers. This unleashed an animated conversation among Board members around both unescorted swimmers as well as swimmers escorted by just a kayak. Niland said the discussion would be helpful to the committee. The committee will bring back recommendations at a future Board meeting.

C. Crab feed

Eli reported that the first annual crab feed was a rollicking success. They brought together members of the Club from across disciplines and cleared around \$6,000! The Board congratulated all involved.

D. Treasurer's report

Susan shared the sad news that Club bookkeeper, Susan Scott has had brain surgery. Everybody expressed their concern and wished

Susan a full and speedy recovery. A motion was made for Susan to spend up to \$75 to buy Susan Scott flowers (16 – 0 – 0).

Susan reported that she has been negotiating with Sports Engine to secure us better financial terms. Her discussions continue. There was some discussion about the frustrations of interacting with the application. Sarah said she was looking into alternatives and asked Susan to not enter into a long term contract with Sports Engine without consulting with her (Sarah).

E. South End book

Fran and Peter Ross are researching what would be involved for the Club to become the publisher of record. They've talked to a publisher as well as lawyer who specializes in literary law.

While a number of Club members are reading all or parts of the book, legal vetting of the book is recommended. The estimated cost of this is \$350/hour x 20 hours. In addition we would hire a lawyer to prepare a formal contract with Bob.

Fran promised that she would be back with recommendations at the next meeting.

Alan Lapp disclosed that he was being paid to do some work on the book but that his involvement wasn't contingent on who ultimately was the publisher of record. Nonetheless, in order to avoid even the perception of a conflict of interest, Alan indicated he wouldn't vote on this issue if it appears before the Board.

F. Shell storage

The item was deferred.

G. Membership

Kathy reported that membership currently stands at 1,363 with 240 former members still on the fence. She also reported that 5 women's lockers are currently occupied but not paid for.

This was also Kathy's last meeting. The Board thanked her profusely for bringing order to this unwieldy function. Under Kathy's watch, numerous members who were in arrears have been brought into the fold. This has resulted in a considerable jump in the Club's bottom-line! Kathy would be missed, but she said she will still be around and volunteered to serve as captain of the women's locker room for the remainder of the year. The Board jumped on this offer (16 – 0 – 0).

Simon introduced Andy Ramelmeier as the new Membership Commissioner. Andy said he has been looking for way to serve the Club and hopes to build on Kathy's efforts. Andy is a swimmer but in an earlier life received two individual gold medals racing dragon boats.

Andy's appointment was approved (7 – 0 – 0) and then by acclamation.

H. Calendar

Betty Jean reported the St Patrick's day lunch netted \$3,500 with sales of 169 tickets! This compares favorably to the 2017 event which ran at a loss.

She related that head chef Alan is burnt out after the crab feed and St Patty's. We hope he has poor short-term memory.

Betty Jean explained that Club rentals are only allowed when they don't conflict with Club activities. Club members come first.

Not on agenda

Carol handed out some preliminary information that she has received from the various commissioners that will become input to the 5 year plan she is working on.

Simon promised to have an update on the status of our lease at the next meeting.

Van mentioned that this Friday will be the first Friday evening relay race. Apparently there has been strong interest in the event so now Van just needs to figure out how it's going to work.