

**May 15, 2019**  
**South End Rowing Club**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Roll Call**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
S. Dominguez	X		E. Rubel	X
F. Hegeler	X		P. Moran	X
J. Sale	X		R. Moore	X
A. Lapp	X		A. Ramelmeier	
C. Merryfield	X		B.J. Jaurique	X
N. Mortimer	*		K. Whalen	X
S. Greva	*		V. Cornwell	X
B. Wygant			S. Blew	*
T. Wurm/Cy Lo	X			
J. Bock	X		S. Wintersteen	X

\* absent only because of the change in meeting date

**Approval of Minutes**

The April minutes were approved (12 – 0 – 0).

**President’s Remarks**

Simon apologized for moving the May meeting from its scheduled date.

He then explained that there had been an anonymous complaint to the ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) about alcohol consumption at the Club (happy hour & other events). Simon and Kim Howard have been talking to the ABC and committed to bringing the Club into conformance. While many details are still unclear, it appears that each month the Club will need to purchase daily permits (\$25/each) for every event where alcohol and non-Club members are both present. More info on this will be forthcoming.

**Members Moment**

None.

### **A. Lease Update**

Fran explained that we're in the final stages of getting our new lease approved by the County supervisors. The one hitch is that the County wants minor changes to our bylaws to make the non-discrimination language align precisely with the County's. While we expect no substantive issue with the requested changes we do face process issues since our bylaws can only be amended at a membership meeting.

### **B. Bylaw Committee Update**

Josh reminded the group that the Board had taken on the task of updating the bylaws in 2019 as part of dealing with the growth in membership. He also reminded the Board that the committee had defined a number of milestones where they would check in with the Board and that the first milestone was to split the existing bylaws into two documents: policies and procedures.

Policies would contain the "constitutional" stuff and would continue to only be amendable by the membership whereas procedures would describe implementation details and would be updatable by the Board.

Josh walked the Board through the portions of the current bylaws that the committee had designated as procedure. Nobody took exception to the committee's choices.

When asked for an example of an item that the committee considered a close call, he mentioned job descriptions. In particular one could argue that the job descriptions of the elected officers are static and should stay in the policy document whereas the commissioner job descriptions are dynamic and should migrate to procedure. On the other hand splitting the job descriptions in this way could make it awkward to locate a specific job description.

The committee will continue its efforts and report back to the Board when it reaches its next milestone.

### **C. Membership**

Simon reported that 12 new members joined last month. He also indicated that Andy has taken the reins from Kathy (who has been very helpful in the transition).

### **D. Entertainment**

Betty Jean mentioned the following upcoming events:

- Tom and Jerry regatta (\*)
- Bridge to bridge
- Queer pride Swim (\*)
- Newbie swim (\*)
- First aid class
- Stroke clinic

\* means will require ABC permit

Betty Jean also described ongoing problems with the management of a storage cabinet behind the bar. Simon agreed to work with Betty Jean to sort out the problem.

### **E. Save Aquatic Park and Pier (added to the agenda)**

Fran reported on a recent meeting and tour that included the major players (NPS, the Port, GGRNA, two County Supervisors, Chamber of Commerce, etc). The project has grown to include the replanning of the west side of the park to make Aquatic Park more accessible to locals and tourists arriving by way of Van Ness. She said the meeting was very constructive.

This meeting was followed by a visit to Senator Feinstein's office by Supervisor Catherine Stefani and representatives of the Chamber to explain the situation at Aquatic Park. As a result of the meeting,

Senator Feinstein said she would get a Federal appropriation to support the effort! This is wonderful news and all of the entities were asked to provide letters of support.

Fran brought a draft letter of support to the Board which was approved (13 – 0 – 0).

Fran suggested that if we encounter Supervisors Stefani or Peskin at the club that we thank them for their support.