

South End Rowing Club Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 13, 2022

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

In person in the South End Day Room*

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

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

Attendance:

| Member | Present | Member | Present |
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| Fran Hegeler | X | Dennis Puglisi | X |
| Kevin Whalen | X | George Lazaneo | X |
| Dominica Donovan | X | Michelle Squyer | X |
| Kevin Buckholtz | X | Mee Lee | |
| Brian Ip | X | Vanessa Blyth Marlin | X |
| Alix Marduel | X | Sydelle Harrison | X |
| Mary Riley | X | Zach Margolis | X |
| Simon Dominguez | | Elizabeth Young | |
| Laura Hovden | | Seth Kenvin | X |

Simon Dominguez, Laura Hovden, Mee Lee, and Elizabeth Young were absent.

Approval of March 2022 Board meeting minutes

George Lazaneo moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dennis Puglisi.

The March 2022 SERC Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

This motion was approved by a vote of 14 Yes- 0 No- 4 Absent.

President's remarks

Fran Hegeler shared updates on recent and upcoming events:

- South Enders will be heading to Bondi, Australia to visit SERC's sister club. SERC has extended an invitation to visit in 2023 in June/July.
- Antonio Arguelles will host a zoom presentation about the Oceans7 on June 3rd, everyone is invited.
- Lynne Cox, will visit SERC June 4 and will talk about her new book and will be at the Dolphin Club the next day.
- On Monday, there will be a memorial service for Chris Bruno in Burlingame.

- City of Kiel Sister City events from the past weekend were a great success, thanks to Conny Beul and Zach Margolis and Susan Blew. Thanks also to Gary Emich for leading the pilots, Eric Ahern and Vanessa Blyth Marlin for flowers, and others who volunteered.

The San Francisco Port Authority has proposed a Port Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report. Neither the South End Rowing Club or Dolphin Club were consulted because the project area stops at Hyde Street Pier. The Club's activities are significantly impacted by the Port's activities. Both Clubs need to be reached out to and they will advocate for this to the Port,

The Dolphin Club continues to move forward with plans for their renovations. They've provided their members with three potential options, none of which are amenable to the South End Rowing Club.

The SERC Board Retreat will be held on May 21st. Fran needs volunteers for organizing the retreat. Future planning and diversity at SERC will be central topics.

Fran concluded her remarks to note that there was another swimmer/rower collision. Both the Dolphin Club and SERC got together to brainstorm on situational awareness educational opportunities for members.

ABC Licensing

Tomorrow, Thursday April 14, 2022, South End Rowing Club Board President Fran Hegeler and former Board Secretary and current South End Rowing Club Board Member Josh Sale will meet with a representative from the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control to submit an application for an alcohol license for the South End Rowing Club. As a part of that effort, the Board needs to affirm who the elected members are as they will ultimately be applying for the license on behalf of SERC.

South End Rowing Club Secretary Dominica Donovan made a motion to affirm that the following individuals are the elected officers of the 2022 South End Rowing Club Board of Directors:

- Fran Hegeler (President)
- Kevin Whalen (Vice President)
- Dominica Donovan (Secretary)
- Brian Ip (Director at Large)
- Alix Marduel (Director at Large)
- Mary Riley (Director at Large)
- Kevin Buckholtz (Director at Large)

This was seconded by Kevin Whalen.

This motion was approved by a vote of 14 Yes- 0 No- 4 Absent.

Members Moment

Cy Lo: Cy revisited his proposal to host a memorial event for members who have passed away over the past two years. It will likely be in June/July and will involve all sports. Friends/family members of the departed may attend. This will be in concert with the Dolphin Club,

Ken Cereghino: The “Old Timers Lunch” is back on for May 18. 20 people have already signed up. Al has volunteered to cook. If there are any questions feel free to reach out.

Waterfront Plan and SF Port: See comments under “President’s Remarks”

COVID Policy Changes: Guest Policy, Masks, VAX status

Zach Margolis raised concerns regarding compliance with masking in saunas, currently it is required but compliance rates are not high. These concerns are heightened as case counts are rising. He also shared concerns around contact tracing and whether the South End Rowing Club continues this practice. Fran and George confirmed that compliance with masking in the sauna continues to be a challenge and that contact tracing relies on those who contract COVID to self-report. Kevin W. shared that providing masks in the locker rooms and near saunas may help with compliance. Zach requested that a reminder that masks are still required in the sauna and that we must still self-report covid cases be sent out to the Club. Fran agreed to do this.

A broader discussion was held regarding COVID policies at the Club and whether they should be more or less strict than what the City currently requires.

Kevin W. proposed a motion to modify the current guest policy to anytime the Club is open rather than only during public hours, as long as the SERC member verifies the vaccination status of the guest. This was seconded by George.

This motion was approved by a vote of 14 Yes- 0 No- 4 Absent.

SERC Foundation and 501c(3)

Alix Marduel, Susan Blew, Joanne Sakai, and Marc Glomb presented their work to explore options for creating a “SERC Foundation” and 501c(3). The Committee is presently seeking the advice and guidance of an experienced outside counsel who may help guide them in what, legally, it would take to form a 501c(3). This would cost \$2,000.

Once the process begins, it may take 18-24 months to create and receive the necessary approvals for the 501c(3). Important questions will have to be asked and explored, particularly relating to governance.

Alix M. made a motion to approve a \$2,000 allocation to be used for legal advice from Gene Takagi of the Neo Law Group on the type and structure of a not-for-profit organization that will allow members and others to make tax deductible donations to benefit the South End Rowing Club. This was seconded by Kevin W.

**This motion was approved by a vote of 15 Yes- 0 No- 3 Absent.
Laura H. voted in virtually for this.**

CLOSED SESSION

Adjournment - 8:30pm.