

August 10, 2022
South End Rowing Club
Board Meeting Minutes

Roll Call

| Member | Present | | Member | Present |
|---------------|----------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| F. Hegeler | X | | M. Squyer | |
| K. Whalen | Z | | M. Lee | X |
| J. Sale | X | | V. Blyth Marlin | X |
| B. Ip | | | S. Harrison | |
| A. Marduel | | | Z. Margolis | X |
| M. Riley | X | | E. Young | X |
| K. Buckholtz | X | | S. Kenvin | Z |
| S. Dominguez | X | | L. Hovden | Z |
| D. Puglisi | X | | | |
| G. Lazaneo | X | | S. Wintersteen | |

X: in person

Z: via Zoom

Approval of Minutes

The July 2022 Board minutes were approved (9 – 0 – 1).

President’s Remarks

Fran welcomed past president Simon back from his travels.

She reminded the Board that the Invitational is coming up on September 5th and that it requires the support of the entire Club. If the volunteer signup sheet is full, then just show up and you will be put to work.

The interclub Tri is on September 10th close on the heels of the AI. While we always strive to keep the plaque at the South End, it’s especially important this year given the Club’s 150th anniversary. We need athletes. We need volunteers. We need you! Come score a point or two for all that is good in the world!

Fran thanks Zina and Al for organizing the first ever Lisa Amorao water safety class. The class was catalyzed by the tragic loss of life. 12 members have been selected for the initial September 3rd class. There is also a healthy waitlist. The class will be repeated in the future.

The Board was reminded that Judy Irving's Cold Refuge will be screened on Friday evening. Don't miss it.

The SERC and DC Boards have a long tradition of having an annual dinner with no specific agenda other than to foster positive relationships. The pandemic interrupted this tradition but it will resume this year on Wednesday September 28th at the DC. Please RSVP to Fran.

Elena Keamy and Vanessa took first place in the women's double at the Tahoe Regatta on August 7th. Jim Ruppert ran 200 miles over three days and Sydelle recently summited Mt. Whitney. Not to be topped, Jenny Smith set a new world record on the Arch-to-Arch Enduroman!

Tahoe season is in full swing and a number of members have completed the true width.

Fran continued by informing the Board that the Park Service has a new supervisor and shared some highlights from his aggressive agenda including moving the Eureka for a 3 to 5 year renovation and rebuilding Hyde St. Pier (apparently its in worse condition than Muni Pier). We've been told that neither project should be very disruptive to us.

Lastly Fran informed the Board that the DC approached her with new plans for their expansion after the August agenda was finalized. Fran will be getting some better drawings and will circulate them to the Board prior to our September meeting. In the meantime, people can use the tape that Joe Butler placed on the windows in the dayroom to get an idea of how the DC proposal will impact our views.

Members Moment

None.

A. Secretary Vacancy

Fran explained that Dominica Donavan has resigned as Secretary. Fran thanked Dominica for her service to the Club. Fran then explained because of the many complicated tasks that lie ahead that she had asked past Secretary Josh Sale to fill the vacancy. A motion for Josh Sale to fill the vacancy was approved (13 – 0 – 0).

B. 501(c)(3)

Susan Blew made a thorough presentation to the Board on behalf of the 1873 committee (Bill Wygant, Peter Ross, Alix Marduel, Laura Hovden, Joanne Sakai, Mike Slattery, Joe Butler, Marc Glomb and Susan). Susan reported that it was a strong committee and that while there is still much work to do, a great deal has been accomplished.

Susan's report can be reviewed here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1dBFDBydONb96Rp6fnOzt2T1BN204Lyxlw-QvKDfSxqo/edit?usp=sharing>

A motion to recommend to the membership the proposed changes to the Club by laws and articles of incorporation passed (14 – 0 – 0).

There was some discussion about transferring the Gallagher Fund to the 501(c)(3) but this requires further consideration.

The committee promised to provide quarterly updates to the SERC board.

Susan explained that the 501(c)(3) will be able to accept pledges in advance of the approval of the new entity by the IRS but that actual donations will have to await final approval.

C. New Flagpole

Kevin B. indicated that he had been approached by some members interested in erecting another flagpole on the dock. The members indicated a willingness to pay for the new flagpole (so no Club funds).

The motivations for the new flagpole are:

- Conformance with the flag code which indicates (in part) that each country's flag be flown on its own pole. For example, if we fly the US and Irish (St Pats) or Mexican (Cinco de Mayo) flags, they should be on their own poles.
- Allow for affinity flags (e.g., pride, BLM, etc) to be flown without taking down the US, California or SERC flags.

As the suggestion was discussed, a contrary opinion emerged that flags beyond the "standard 3" (US, CA and SERC) have proven to be controversial and does the Board want to spend its time adjudicating what flags to fly beyond the standard 3?

Ultimately, a motion to add the second pole failed on a tie vote (7 – 7 – 0). For the moment we will content ourselves with a single flagpole and continue to manage it as we have in the past.

D. Waterfront Plan

The Port has spent years developing a plan for the waterfront from Hyde St to China Beach. The plan provides broad policy direction but not specific projects. If the plan is approved, then as specific projects are proposed each project will be measured against the broader plan.

CEQA requires the plan go through an environmental review process (EIR). Unfortunately, the Waterfront Plan wasn't on the radar of either SERC or DC and we only learned about it after the draft EIR had been published and the commenting deadline was about to close.

Fran and Ward were able to file comments on behalf of each club prior to the deadline. The EIR process that these comments be addressed as part of the final EIR.

Unfortunately, the Waterfront Plan completely ignores swimming and human powered crafts in the bay!

So to really address our complaints would require them to update the plan, update the EIR to respond to the changes in the plan and then recirculate the EIR because of the extent of the changes. We expect they will resist this approach because of costs and time required.

The Port employee in charge of this project has offered us a few changes to the plan but they require substantial amendments to capture the robust nature of water recreation on the bay from the two clubs (to say nothing of the interests of many other water recreation organizations and enthusiasts who were likely not sought out for comment). We have an August 29th deadline to get her (the Port employee) our suggested changes. A small committee of SERC and DC members will spend the next two weeks developing our proposed changes to the plan.

Kevin W and Pia Hinckle developed an excellent PowerPoint that summarizes the problems with the current plan. It can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OdjmD1GrgE3aljEVAzj8UCWQ7g_vTego/view?usp=sharing

Because we anticipate that action may need to be taken on behalf of the Club between Board meetings, a motion was passed (14 – 0 – 0) to authorize the President and Vice-President to advocate on behalf of the Board on matters related to the Waterfront Plan and to report back to the Board as needed. This authority will extend thru December 31, 2023.

E. SERC/DC Joint Board Meeting

This item was covered under the President's remarks. Please RSVP to Fran.

F. Interclub Tri

This item was also covered under the President's remarks but was discussed further here.

Sydelle will be leading the Club's effort to keep the plaque but we will be depending heavily on our rowing and swimming commissioners to rally with Sydelle.

Kevin W. reminded us that we have fewer members than the DC, we have less flow space than the DC, we have fewer rules than the DC ... but we have more spirit!

We won last year, but we've also lost in recent years. We can't be lackadaisical! *How can we properly celebrate our 150th anniversary with our plaque hanging next door???*

We need every member to show up on Sept 10! Every swimmer gets a point. We can crush them with athleticism and with numbers!

Go South End!

A motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$3,000 for the Tri was approved (14 – 0 – 0).

Kevin W. stated that we need a lead chef.