

**June 12, 2024**  
**South End Rowing Club**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Roll Call**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
J. Sale	X		C. Lovazzano	X
C. Bump	X		A. Diaz	X
E. Gliebe	X		L. Hovden	X
V. Blyth Marlin	X		M. Miller	X
V. Cornwell	X		E. Gable	X
J. Li	X		K. Hutchins	X
G. Lazaneo	X		S. Phillipow	X
F. Hegeler			D. Flatow	X
J. Sellers				
T. Yarish	X		S. Wintersteen	

**Approval of Minutes**

The May 2024 Board minutes were approved (12 - 0 - 3).

**President's Remarks**

Cathy shared that in June we have a Juneteenth flag and a Pride flag to fly so we will be going back and forth between the two flags during the month of June. We will fly the Pride flag from 6/1 to 6/13; then fly the Juneteenth flag from 6/13 to 6/20; and then fly the Pride flag again from 6/20 till 6/30.

Regarding the 1873 Fund Board, one of our board members, Sue Free, has tendered her resignation and Josh has appointed Fran to fill Sue's role on the 1873 Fund Board.

The davit, a hoist for our inflatables, that Josh is working on will now need a permit so we will need to hire an engineer. The davit is sitting and waiting to be installed but due to paperwork, it will be installed in about another month.

There is an exclusionary area around Alcatraz to protect a nesting seabird colony which is monitored with video surveillance. On the weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup> some South End Rowers were caught on video getting too close to this protected area.

It is important that all rowers, inflatables and swimmers keep at least 300 feet of distance from the cliff edges of the island during the breeding season (Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 30<sup>th</sup>) since there are thousands of birds nesting. Lidia D’Amico, the Alcatraz Biologist, will be coming to talk to the South End on June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm to give a talk about the wildlife that call The Rock their home, and to explain more about the sensitive protection zones that exist around and on the island.

We had an incident where one of our members was hit by a Dolphin rower in the cove. The swimmer is ok. Josh talked to Diane, and she identified who the rower was, and he was remorseful. Diane sent a note to their community to be aware of swimmers. Both swimmers and rowers need to practice awareness of surroundings to avoid these types of incidents.

Thanks to John Gower we are going to have a shopping week at Sports Basement to kick off summer. We will have 20% off at Sports Basement from 6/19/24 – 7/3/24. Keep an eye out for the email!

Fran shared that the NPS is installing a new floating dock near Sea Scouts in June; this is currently scheduled for next Wednesday through Friday, June 19 - 21. There will be closures to some areas in the park to accommodate a large crane required to do the work. We will advise membership once those dates and areas are confirmed. There are still plans to move boats from the Hyde Street pier this year, with the Balclutha and Eppleton Hall departing this summer, followed by the Thayer. The Eureka is likely to move in November. The Hyde Street pier replacement is delayed, as the NPS reevaluates the schedule. The project cannot get it constructed within a single year as was originally projected. They will keep us informed as the planning progresses.

Josh thanked Kristin Hutchins and Peter Gertler for their quick action in bringing a person lying face down in the water to shore. He also recognized Tom Abbot who began doing CPR. We later learned that the individual was Bill (William) McLaughlin, a South End member since 2005. Condolences to Bill’s family and friends.

### **Members Moment**

None.

## 6:45 pm- Agenda Items

### A. Incident Investigation (Catherine + Van, 40 minutes, not deferrable, closed session)

The board went into closed session to consider a complaint between two members.

### B. Security Cameras Internal & External (Steve + Suzanne, 10 minutes, not deferrable)

Suzanne Grevia is assisting in evaluating security for the club and shared some recommendations. They met with SFPD in April who walked our space. This will impact the interior and exterior. They are also working with the Dolphin club. The factors they are working on include parking, lighting and cameras. Peskin helped to get parking access by the Argonaut. They are working on parking options where they ban parking from midnight to 4am so those areas are off limits, and it allows the police to move people along. Lighting is under consideration as it can be poor in various areas. Dale Dualan, of the NPS, is working with PG&E to get more lighting and get malfunctioning lighting running. Additionally, Steven Matthias, SFPD Community Engagement Division Neighborhood Safety, has done an entire report with recommendations to illuminate the areas more.

Randall Scott, Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District, brings a lot of experience in surveillance. He has proposed for cameras to be installed outside the buildings that would cover both the front and off the back covering the beach. These cameras would be monitored by Randall's team. If there was an incident, they would transfer the data to the police or other parties requesting footage. There is a grant to support this project and we should receive the full proposal. Suzanne is working to get more information about their privacy policy to ensure it is in alignment with our policy. Cost is still be determined but seems like our shared portion of it might be approximately \$8500.

Steve Fillipow is working on the interior cameras. The original idea was that we would monitor the front door and the fire doors as well as a camera on the patio to monitor back entry points as there was a recent entry into the club from someone who came in on an inflatable. Given that we can leverage the benefit organization, it makes more sense to use their network to monitor the back area. Other surveillance options discussed were something for our historic boats and the office which we agreed was unnecessary. Steve is down to one camera at the front of the house. Video should be stored for 30 days. The internal cameras are looking to be about \$4000.

We need the board to decide if we want to go with the community benefit cameras. Do we as a board want to support beach cameras or not? SERC Board supports the cameras at the front of the building facing Jefferson but not hugely supportive of the beach camera.

Erika will discuss our club's concerns with the Dolphin Club about privacy on the beach side of the clubs and our interest in considering the masking of camera angles in the direction of the common beach area.

#### C. Dock Update (Tim, 30 minutes, not deferrable)

Tim shared the pre-read and also shared pictures of what the dock would look like with the long ramp option that has a floating dock at the end which is required to float the ramp. There was also a picture of the dock with a 25% grade ramp while 3 women are trying to wrestle a Viking boat on to the dock which is a safety issue especially during low tide. Many rowers opt not to even row when the tide is very low due to these challenges.

Tim provided 4 options to address the future dock issues.

- a. Replace the existing decking with STK cedar 2x6. Lifespan 15–20 years. \$104K estimate.
- b. Replace the existing decking with ipe wood 5/4x6 (1" x 5 1/2" net). Lifespan 40 years. \$115K estimate.
- c. Replace the winch with an electric system like the one on the Dolphin dock. \$75K estimate.
- d. Install a longer aluminum ramp with a floating platform at the end which would provide a level landing area. No winch would be needed because the ramp would have a pitch at low tide of about 1:12, like a handicap ramp. \$200K initial estimate.

The hope is that in July the board can come back and vote on which option we would like to pursue. This project is a great project to support the launch of fundraising efforts for the 1873 Fund.

Tim mentioned that the next phase would be a conceptual design phase which would allow us to get preliminary pricing and fine tune the estimate. The cost for this conceptual phase is estimated at \$20K.

The Board moved in the direction to eliminate 3 of the 4 options with us focusing on continuing to evaluate the long dock option to support the longevity of the dock for years to come. As we continue this evaluation of the long ramp the board would like the following:

- Organized Board visits to existing long ramp around the Bay
- Review of the surface options for the long ramp
- Practicing moving equipment (RIBs and row boats) up the anticipated 8% grade for the proposed width to understand the feasibility of the dock for our purposes.
- Outlining the detailed next steps with costs, including the conceptual phase and timing for each step

Cathy motioned that we agree that preliminarily the preferred option of the options presented was the long ramp with floating platform and we request Tim to follow up on the items outlined above in bullets.

Motion approved (16 - 0 - 0).

#### D. Rowing Budget update (Marissa, 10 minutes, not deferrable)

Marissa apologized for how the April Board meeting went and acknowledged she was embarrassed for how some of the rowers conducted themselves at the meeting.

Marissa provided a budget update which indicates that the rowing budget is on track. There have been some additional costs for boat restoration and that has caused a bit more and driving them to exceed the budget by \$5.7K. Marissa also requested funding for a coastal double which costs \$8600.

Cathy appreciated the detail on the budget and shared interest in buttoning up the rowing program to include people getting certified and putting procedures in place. As part of the original allocation of \$24K for JFS, there was to be a report back on the progress and Cathy was curious when might we get an update on the rowing program and how we address the issues at hand. Marissa said they are working on getting people checked out and creating a hierarchy of taking out boats. Marissa and Vanessa are working on packaging it up and rolling it out in the next 30 days They are creating a mentoring program so that people are helping new rowers. They will have a check list of items they need to accomplish to get rowers checked out.

JFS boat nights are very well attended, and people are really learning how to care for our boats. Cathy asked how we are preserving the information

shared at boat night to codify the lessons being learned. They are collecting videos and they need to work with someone to edit all the materials.

There was an ask to the board to fund the coastal double and the feedback was for rowing to go back and see how they can fund the coastal double.

E. Auction of Oars (Marissa, 10 minutes, deferrable)- deferred

F. Coastal Double (Marissa, 10 minutes, deferrable)

See above notes in budget section

G. Kayak update (Kristin, 5 minutes, not deferrable)

Kristin brought to our attention that two of our kayaks (the double and a single) had sprung leaks. Sean Johnson located a good used single for \$450, saving the club more than \$600. Allen Luong negotiated the price down to \$400 -- even better! Allen and Sean further investigated the leaks in the double and determined that because they were above the waterline, they could be patched with special waterproof patch materials (which Kristin approved to come out of the swim budget). They've now repaired the double so we don't need to buy a new double at this time.

Many thanks to Sean and Allen for all their work and help in keeping the kayaking program going. Thank you to the BOD for approving that amount via email so we could act quickly.

**Adjournment** Dinner organized by Adan. A delicious meal prepared for the board by Steve Cvitanovic.

**Next Board Meeting JULY 10th, 2024 at 6:30pm**