

LONG BEACH ROWING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE LBRA BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2014

Officers Attending: President, Jim Litzinger
Vice-President John Nunn (Chairman of Board LBJC, Dir. So. CA Row. Fnd)
Secretary, Mary Perrot
Captain, A.C. DuPont

Directors Attending: John Van Blom, Brian Bayer, Sander Zagzebski, Ken Mattfeld

Officers Absent: Jeanette Le Pont (Treasurer)

Members/Guests Attending: Dara Lampe, Rebecca Ballough, Linda Papini, Carlos Recharte, Elizabeth Bolla

Jim Litzinger called the meeting to order at 7:39pm. The April 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

President's Report

- The president reminded all present of the need for courtesy on the water as good public relations helps keep the club in good grace with the City and local neighbors. In the event of a collision, club members should apologize to defuse the situation.
- Earl Johnson wishes to use the grounds outside the Rowing Center for his church's Agape Luau on the evening of Saturday, July 26. The luau will last only a couple hours. There were no objections heard and the board agreed to this by consensus.
- Jim turned the floor over to Rebecca Ballough for a report from the Masters Coaching/Learn to Row Committee. The LTR committee, in coordination with club coaches, has set several sweep and sculling group lesson dates (June 3, June 14, & July - Anna coaching weekdays, Katrin on weekends) Lessons will start before LTR date, so LTR attendees have a lesson program already in place to join.

Jim discussed stadium rental for LTR day with Kim Marie of the City. Stadium rental will be \$750 or \$500(if public is open event) for the whole day. The City asks the club for insurance, too, which runs \$350 through US Rowing. Jim stated that the costs seems excessive for a single day event. He will ask US Rowing if they can give us a price reduction if we stipulate that all individuals rowing sign a waiver. At this point, the club has the stadium reserved, but has not paid. The City also wants "stadium rental insurance" of \$2MM. Jim thought the club should buy a whole year policy to cover all club regattas.

Carlos Recharte stated that LTR day setup and activity flow will do almost the same last year. More volunteers are needed this year for the on the water rowing in boats with guests. Dara will send a blast to calling for LTR day volunteers. Dara has designed three ads for LTR to run in the Grunion Gazette toward the end of May. Carlos would like a much larger sign for the front of Marine Stadium to guide guests in on LTR day. Jim will talk to the LBJC president, to CARP members and Roworx to avoid any conflicts with club activities on LTR Saturday. John Nunn asked the LBJC treasurer to talk to coaches to keep dock free on that day.

Treasurer's Report

Jeannette LePont emailed a report and May financials to the board. A hardcopy of the report and financials are appended in the permanent records.

Captain's Report

A.C. du Pont is giving the new Hudson purchased at the Crew Classic a thorough going over. He brought in a new heavyweight men's pair/double from Sykes as a demo. Heavyweight men in the club should try it out; look in the first bay. Racks are being galvanized by a firm in Orange County. On general boat repairs, A.C. reported that several boats have had footplates broken; he's working through the list. Paint for Sykes quad is in and it will look good as new soon. Scully pontoons have been ordered in an improved design that will not fill with water during use. The enclosure needs new tennis fabric very quickly, as recent wind storms shredded the fabric. AC is looking for replacement fabric and a design that will stand up to wind and be UV resistant. He plans to obtain several estimates

and email them to the board for a vote within the month. The golf cart will be out of the enclosure soon and parked near steps.

Committee Reports – Membership

The club welcomed one new member last month, according to membership chair Dara Lampe. Total membership, now at 218, is close to high of last year. Most of last year's new members from LTR are still here and are very excited to help with this year's event. Jim stated that new RF key fobs had arrived.

New Business

Carlos Recharte asked when the men's locker room shower walls might be fixed? AC replied he would like to have a work party the weekend or the day before LTR day, but also would like a separate work party for longer term projects like the men's shower or moving the oar racks in the enclosure.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Perrot

Secretary, Long Beach Rowing Association

Action Items

Closed items are **highlighted in yellow** and will be removed in the next month's minutes.

	Date	Action	Auctioneer	Status	Due Date
56	6/2/10	Maintain list of things that needs to be done around the boathouse.	Jim Litzinger AC duPont	5/14 Replace fabric on enclosure. Repair men's shower wall. Open	5/14
79	5/4/11	No Trespassing signs	AC du Pont	Open 5/14 A.C. to give Jim specific wording for signs.	5/14
95	11/2/11	Communications to membership	Dara Lampe,	5/14 Email blast the membership for LTR day volunteers and work party.	5/14
104	6/12	LBRA elite rower funding	Joan Van Blom Sherri Kline	5/14Open for future events	On going
113	1/13	Documents from RowRX	Jack Nunn	5/14Open RowRX to give club hold harmless agreement and insurance certificate AND sign a month to month agreement with the club	5/14
114	7/13	Equipment purchase/planning	A.C. duPont Carlos Recharte	5/14 A.C. to obtain price for Carl Douglas riggers. Kresmir I. to find source & price for webcam company for club's website.	5/14
115	11/13	Notifying LBJC boats in LBRA space	Jim Litzinger, A.C. du Pont	5/14 Open. A.C. listed LBJC boats in LBRA space w/o permission, Jim writes & sends notification.	5/14
116	1/14	Learn to Row Day 2014 organization	Dara Lampe, previous LTR committee	5/14 See President's report.	5/14