

LONG BEACH ROWING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

October 11, 2017

The annual general membership meeting was opened by the club's president, Rob Glidden, at 7:30 pm, Rob greeted the club members and thanked all for coming. Rob presented and thanked the 2016-2017 officers and directors, the membership chair, members of the coaching committee, and the club's hospitality committee.

President's Report

Meeting started with a review of the August meeting minutes. Rob motioned to approve, all approved.

Rob reported that the club is very healthy and active. During the past year, the board had many accomplishments.

LBRA instituted a Safe Sport policy, thanks to Michelle Mowery. We are now in compliance with USRowing and our insurance.

We now publish our meeting agendas in advance. Members can see what will be discussed and are now able to attend and comment on items of interest.

Vastly improved relations with our neighbors in Spinnaker Bay. We personally invited them to attend our Learn to Row Day. We have also improved our response to their request, noise and clutter.

We have much more responsive and collaborative relations with the City of Long Beach, Marine Bureau and Special Events. This has been paid in big dividends in what they have been willing to do for us. Some of the large improvements we made this past year, the City underwrote, which means we didn't have to spend club funds for it.

Soon we will have a "Water Quality" sign put in by the end of the wash deck. It provide in real time information on water quality and health issues. These are located in various places within the City; they approached us and asked if they could put one in for our benefit.

Capital improvements included the floor refinish and termite fumigation.

We are going through a renewal of the lease with the CSULB Club. Their lease expired 12/1/2016. We are working to bring the lease into alignment with ours. Our lease is good for 25 years; it was negotiated in 2002.

Fleet purchases include a second mid-weight Hudson 4+ to compliment the Fireball. These boats are being used for practice and raced on a regular basis. We have also purchased new oars. Next, we have agreement from the board what our next priorities are, those consist of 2 heavy weight men's doubles to replace the Stampfli and Janousek boats. These boats are 30-40 years old, are falling apart and beyond repair. The next priority after that is a heavy weight 8 to replace the aging Boris Empacher.

In terms of events, we had a very successful Christmas Regatta. We also had a very small Spring Regatta, trying to get this back into the groove. It was extremely small, but it still made money.

We have been able to take action and get back in the good graces with our USRowing referees. Thank you to Bill Eldon and Brandin Grams, they have been working very close so that we represent the concerns that USRowing has about safety and that we have an actual plan in place for our regattas.

Through surveys, we have been able to be responsive to competitor request. Moving our regattas to Regatta Central was a big step in fulfilling these requests. Regionals teams look forward to attending our events.

We had a 3rd of July celebration organized by Katrin, very successful.

Also a Learn to Row Graduation.

We will be co-sponsoring the Naples Island Head race. Michael MacAndrews with BCA will discuss details.

Walter and Sander will be taking over the organizing of the Beach Sprints, previously managed by John Van Blom.

We are putting in a bid to hold SW Regional Masters here in Long Beach, for the first time since 2008. We will only do it if it is financially advantageous to LBRA.

Continued success with our always popular Bay Series, we have passed our 30th year! Sincerest appreciation goes out to Tricia, Terry and their support staff for holding this. We have all come to love these fun, casual annual events each year.

We had the dedication of the Joan Van Blom Memorial Bridge this year.

In terms of development, we had our best-organized and largest attended Learn to Row day. We are getting good at this event because of our member volunteers.

Steady and sustainable growth in the club, current membership 227. Building slowly and this is the best way to grow.

Another priority was to have more of a presence with the Elite rowers. We were able to co-sponsor with So Cal Scullers, their lightweight men's sculling camp. That boat represented the US at the World competition in Florida this past September.

LBRA's competitive position. New crews forming, a lot of sweep teams. We have 2 8's most weekday mornings and several additional boats that specifically aimed at competition.

We have made a nomination for Rowing Master of the Year. We hope to see more in the coming weeks.

At Head of the Charles, our women's 8 boat set the course record. We had 18 athletes across 6 events, 2256 entries, with 820 clubs. We always go to San Diego Crew Classic, we sent 52 athletes, across 7 events, 391 entries and 118 clubs. We attended Gold Rush Master's Regatta, we sent 25 athletes, across 18 events, 308 entries, and 27 clubs. Southwest Regionals in July, we sent 26 athletes, across 27 events, over 415 entries, and 34 clubs. We also had athletes that attended the Henley Masters in the UK, and Masters Nationals.

The Grand Daddy of events attended is FISA World's in Bled, Slovenia. We sent 24 athletes, across 38 events, 6424 entries and 861 clubs. This year had almost twice as many entries as last year.

Fall erg challenge, in real time. LBRA is currently in first place with 2,268,462 meters, this is an average of 126,026 meters per rower! Second place is St. Louis.

Treasurer's Report

The balance sheet at the end of September 30, we have completed our fiscal year end. We had a net loss of \$3,600 for the year, however, we have \$20,000 in receivables, and the 3rd quarter for this year hasn't been posted yet, it will be closer to \$25,000. This will offset the net loss.

Membership dues to date is approximately \$50,000.

Boat Captain's Report

AC was not available to provide a report. He was loading the LBRA trailer to leave very early in the morning to Head of the Charles in Boston.

General Membership

Rob Stropky requested a membership roster be made available to the members. This would be for contacting interested rowers. The members present at the meeting showed an interest and were ok with their contact information being shared for this purpose.

Rob Perrot requested that we address the need to repair or replace the windows in the erg room. It was suggested in the meantime to lubricate the mechanism with Vaseline to fight against the elements.

We need to research options for replacing our dock to select the appropriate replacement. The upgrades made by the City were intended to last 10 yrs, we are 4 yrs into this.

Nominating Committee

Elna Anderson of the Nominating Committee took over the floor. The following nominees for the 2017-2018 Board of Directors were introduced:

OFFICERS

President – Rob Glidden

Vice President – John Nunn, Jamie Pagnanelli

Secretary – Chris Palmquist, Andrea Parsons

Treasurer – Veronica Wegener

Captain – AC du Pont

DIRECTORS

Bryan Bayer

Bill Eldon

Charles Griffin, III

Renn Levy

Anna Liberovsky

Michelle Mowery

Ken Plumb

John Van Blom

Sander Zagzebski

Scott Renner, representing the Audit Committee, reported the election results as follows,

Officers:

President: Rob Glidden

Vice President: John Nunn

Captain: AC duPont

Treasurer: Veronica Wegener

Secretary: Andrea Parsons

Board Members:

Bill Eldon

Michelle Mowery

John Van Blom

Sander Zagzebski.

Rob Glidden presented several By-law amendments to be considered. Most are to bring the board activities current and up to date, as these by-laws are antiquated. However, due to the length of the Annual Meeting, it was decided by the members to table the discussions with the exception of the proposed amendment presented by Mary Schewatz.

Mary Schewatz proposed the amendment to Section 2 of Article VIII of the Long Beach Rowing Association By-Laws.

The current language of Article VIII, Section 2 provides:

Election of officers shall be held by ballot, at the annual meeting on October of each year. A plurality vote of a

quorum of member present at the meeting shall determine the successful candidate for each office.

Proposed amendment to the language of Article VIII, Section 2 would provide:

Election of officers shall be held by ballot, at the annual meeting on October of each year. A plurality vote by members present at the meeting *and members not present at the meeting who have submitted votes by mail or electronic ballot* shall determine the successful candidate for each office. *All mail and electronic ballot shall be submitted to the Secretary no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.*

The proposed by-law amendment to the language of Article VIII, Section 2 was voted on by the members and did not pass.

The general meeting of the membership closed at 10:10.

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October 1, 2017

Officers Attending:

President, Rob Glidden
Secretary, Andrea Parsons
Treasurer, Veronica Wegener
Boat Captain, A.C. duPont

Directors Attending:

John Van Blom, Sander Zagzebski, Bill Eldon & Michelle Mowery

Directors/Officers Absent: Vice President, John Nunn

Visitors/Members: N/A

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rob Glidden at 10:10pm.

President's Report

Due to the length and late hour, the discussion was quickly given to John Nunn who had information regarding possible boats for purchase. First was a used Hudson 8+, \$34,800, (86-104). This would be available at HOC.

The second option is a new Felippi 8+, \$39,800, less 10%, \$35,800. This deal is available through December. We will be responsible for all boat transfers including those not ours, this adds to the consideration of the price.

John Van Blom's input was considered. He was asked to confirm if we do indeed need a new men's 8+, he confirmed a new or newer boat is needed. John would like to wait and try the Filippi.

Michelle made a motion to approve the purchase of a men's heavy weight 8+ up to \$40,000, currently non-brand specific, purchased based on John Van Blom and his team's preference, contingent on the sale of the Olympic Spirit. Motion approved.

Michelle made a motion to adjourn, approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Andi Parsons
Secretary, Long Beach Rowing Association