

# LONG BEACH ROWING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### November 8, 2017

Officers Attending:

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

Directors Attending: John Van Blom, Bill Eldon, Sander Zagzebski and Michelle Mowery

Visitors/Members: Sarah Mackenzie, Ivan Rokos, John O'Donnell, Renn Levy, Ken Jacobs, Brandin Grams, and Ellen Geil

The meeting was called to order by President, Rob Glidden, at 7:30pm.  
Andi Parsons edits submitted to the Annual Meeting and October board meeting minutes. Michelle motioned to approved as corrected, October Annual Meeting and October board meeting minutes approved.

#### President's Report

-Audit committee formed of Scott Renner and Ken Jacobs, Michelle Mowery will be the board representative. They will review our capital and financial assets before filing our taxes.  
A nominating committee will need to be established the next time we have a full member meeting for consideration of the by-law amendments.

-Proceeding with Bylaws Amendment Proposals. This follows up on the deferral made at the annual meeting. Trying to get the bylaw amendment on-line so members can review in the form of a blog type format, possibly on our website.

-Rental of Boats to Occoquan International at 2018 FISA Masters Worlds. Woody Fischer, the principal behind the Occoquan International "rolodex" club, has expressed interest in renting boats from the LBRA fleet for FISA Masters Worlds in Sarasota in September 2018. We have done this before, specifically in 2010 when Worlds were last held in North America (St. Catherines, Ontario).

Worthy of discussion is how to coordinate LBRA use of boats for entries by club members and whether self-insurance for on-water damage is adequate. Concerns were discussed on how do rent and ensure our club has sufficient equipment. It was mentioned that the age brackets would help, as we would be rowing at different times.

Michelle motioned that we table this item until next meeting and more details are available. No action was taken.

-Michelle made a motion that we table all items except the following agenda items: 4, 5, 8, 10 then move to the executive session. Brandin noted that he and John were present specifically for item 7 and would appreciate a brief discussion. Michelle amended her motion providing a timed 2 minute discuss.

-Taking action on boat purchase priorities. The two heavyweight doubles, \$14,450 list price of the boat to replace the elderly and heavily repaired Janousek and Staempfli hulls. To include travel covers, \$600 each. It was agreed that we need the covers.

Our second priority is a heavyweight 8+ as a successor to the Boris Empacher. For the Filippi 8+, 43,900 being offered at 39,000. We are limited with the time we have to row, as Filippi will be here the end of November to evaluate the boat.

Michelle recommended we make the purchase of the doubles our priority.

-Approve expense for Christmas Regatta. The venue has been reserved since January, we are formally registered with USRowing, we are up and running on RegattaCentral for taking entries, the Chief Referee is assigned and her team is being recruited, and t-shirts are being designed. Rob is seeking an approval for a regatta budget of

\$10,000. Christmas Regatta update, we have referees, hotels reservations, as several people are from out of the area. We are slowly recovering from a bad reputation from past years. Stadium is reserved, tee shirt design was just completed and shirts will be ordered shortly.

Bill motioned that we approve the requested budget as stated, Rob added, not to exceed \$10,000. Agreed.

Motion approved.

-Oakland Strokes Surplus Equipment. Various ergometers are available at a steep discount as Oakland Strokes strives to create more room in their facility. They have bikes, Gamut ergometers, and 2 dynamic ergs. The equipment is in good working order.

Michelle asked where we would put any additional equipment.

Motion was made not to purchase any of the equipment. Motion passed.

-Status of 2018 Southwest Regionals and Masters Nationals. There is no new information on Regionals at this time. No one has been selected at this time.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Provided financials for August, September and November. Bank balance \$116,000.

Bills out, insurance and DMV \$3500-4000.

It was asked if a forecast could be made available to see our large expenses charted out for the next fiscal year.

We have not yet been reimbursed \$17-18k for repairs and improvements.

We need to update our QuickBooks and possibly get Veronica a new laptop.

Veronica requested to have an extra paid 6-8 hours a month approved, this would be applied towards Sarah Mackenzie assisting Veronica with Accounts Receivable, not to exceed \$160.00 per month. Rob motioned approve – motion passed unanimously.

Before approving the treasurer's report, Rob recommended that we get some updates first to see our actual bottom line.

Andi made a motion to approve the treasurer's report pending a forecast report. Motion approved.

#### **Captain's report**

Pressure washer – AC would like to purchase the larger model. Currently approved up to \$500.00. Difference in price going from 3000psi to 4000 psi with a variable speed motor is a \$700-800 price. It would be stored in 10N.

The Filippi 8 is here to be demoed. It was rowed at the World Championships previously. We have through the end of November to try it out.

AC went through all the ergs. AC made note of how dusty the erg room is and this is impacting the quality of the ergs. AC usually goes through all the ergs June/January.

AC made note that rowers are over-tightening the nuts/bolts and this is causing damage to the hull of the boat. AC will get with Katrin and present the issues to the team with her. In addition, the oar handles are being damaged because of over gripping.

AC needs to order more Empacher back stays.

We also need some replacement parts on the bikes.

We have a dynamic erg to try.

#### **Membership Chair**

Member numbers are down from where we were at the annual meeting. 22 people dropped their membership.

LTR camps still running.

Sarah reported our current membership count:

201 total

144 Individual

30 Family

6 Friend

5 Life

6 National Team

5 Coxswain Only

5 Young Adults

Sarah will be deleting member key FOBs of members who have not renewed.

She also noted that LBJC has 20 FOB's; this is too high a number. It was not determined whom or how many they should actually have.

Michelle moved that LBJC have 5 key FOBs for their coaches and 1 to their President, and allow his wife to use and deactivate the rest. Rob amended Michelle's motion by adding; we send them a letter notifying them that we are deactivating all of the key FOBs and that they need to send us a list of names justifying who will have one.

Motion failed.

Andi made a second motion that LBRA notify LBJC that they have an excess of key FOBs. They need provide a list of how many and who needs one by a specified date; if not, all FOBs will be deactivated. Based on their reply, we vet their list, and let them know if everyone on their list is justified. A condition was added to include a request that LBJC also provide the FOB #'s they do have on the list and that any FOB that is not accounted for will be deactivate.

Motion failed.

Volunteer hours, are young adults required to fulfill the 12 hours?

#### **Member Comment**

Ellen Geil would like to do the Christmas tree decoration with charities again. Last year was CARP. This year we decided Southern CA Rowing Foundation, Row LA, Beach Crew, Joan Van Blom's Foundation and CARP. CARP can use lights with the time change. Starting earlier to promote better for donations.

Renn Levy presented her draft concept of a proposal she would like to have the club vote on.

Ken Jacobs spoke about building a more committed men's heavy weight team. He does not see that the club is as competitively focused as in years past. He pointed out Katrin and Anna's teams and the newer rowers are organized. The club is lacking a heavy weight crew, therefore there is insufficient justification to purchase a new Filippi. His point is; how many men are available to jump in Filippi on Saturday morning to start practicing for Crew Classic?

Ken stated he would like to get all the coaches and our senior rowers together, discuss which regattas we want to attend and get committed representation.

#### **New Business**

Beach Sprints – ordering/purchasing 15 ergs. Michelle moved to approve purchase of 15 ergs. Motion carried.

Budget to be determined at next month's meeting.

John Van Blom mentioned that Concept 2 is coming out with a bike; members have commented and shown interest. Up for consideration. Discussed more at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Andi Parsons

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	Actionee	Status	Due Date
79	5/4/11	No Trespassing signs	Jim Litzinger	Open 8/15 A.C. to give Jim specific wording for signs.	9/15
119	8/14	Boat labeling/rating	A.C. du Pont, Mary Perrot	8/15 Captain to make blue list of members.	3/16
129	2/3/16	Boat/storage handling policy	Rob Glidden	Rob has offered to write a policy that the board can enforce. Blast to the members of proper boat storage and usage.	Per AC's review