

LONG BEACH ROWING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 10, 2018

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

Directors/Officers Absent: N/A

Visitors/Members: Brandon Freijanes, Mark MacGlashan, and Sarah Mackenzie

The meeting was called to order by President, Rob Glidden, at 7:35pm.

Andi Parsons reviewed the November & December board meeting minutes. Rob motioned to approved as marked up, November & December board meeting minutes approved.

President's Report

Spring Regatta. Sunday, March 11 is the date for the Spring Regatta, consistent with past years. This is the day after the LBJC Cal Cup, and two weeks before the Crew Classic, an optimal time in terms of coordination with those events and maximizing participation. Unfortunately, last year's Spring Regatta barely broke even, and only because of aggressive cost containment. Meanwhile, holding the regatta uses up volunteer hours and other resources.

Options were discussed; moving to another weekend would not be beneficial or cancelling completely. The board agreed that this has been an LBRA tradition, is our one "real" 2k regatta. It would be unfortunate to let this event go and lose this weekend, as many clubs would be eager to take this date for their own regattas.

NAC also has a regatta scheduled on March 11, it may be cancelled.

A motion was made (Mowery), to hold our Spring Regatta contingent if we do not have a 30% profit or cancel due to weather; we recommend to our successors not to proceed and to cancel any future attempts to hold this traditional event.

Motion passed, Bill Eldon opposed.

SW Regionals – July 14 & 15: is still a pending opportunity; we have not received any updates from USRowing.

Filippi 8+: Filippi has come to us with a discounted price on the Filippi 8+. Currently it is not unanimous to purchase this shell. The boat requires many adjustments for each crew and would require all unique equipment/parts. No action will be taken.

Treasurer's Report

Deposit for Christmas Regatta, membership dues, and Learn to Row.

2017 Christmas Regatta brought in a \$25,340 net profit.

Captain's report

Brandin and AC evaluated the boathouse windows. We need to look at what we need to do to either repair or replace them. Rob will add this to the February agenda. Michelle asked AC to get a cost estimate.

Membership Chair

We are down to 25 available key fobs from the original 400 ordered in 2014.

Michelle motion to approve the purchase 200 key fobs @ \$1,100.00, (\$550.00/100 fobs); to now include a \$25.00 member paid deposit on new membership, to be reimbursed when fob is returned. Motion approved.

Sarah reported our current membership count:

209 total

146 Individual

36 Family

6 Friend

5 Life

6 National Team

5 Coxswain Only

5 Young Adults

New Business

Monthly Meeting Format. Given that many of us maintain early morning training hours, a proposal was made by one director (Mowery) to start monthly meetings at 7:00 pm so they can nominally end by 9:00. This is favored by some, but not all, due to conflicting commitments -- though adjournment by 9:00 is universally supported.

Options to limit the time of the meeting include receiving the Membership, Treasurer's and Captain's reports via e-mail in advance of the meeting. We currently receive the Secretary's minutes for review prior to the meeting. This allows our time to be spent only on topics requiring a decision or action.

Launch Driver Certification. Beginning January 1, 2018, the mandatory boating safety education law (SB 941) goes into effect. Anyone who operates any type of motorized vessel on California waterways will be required to pass an approved boating safety examination and carry a lifetime California Boater Card. Though phased in by age and not of immediate concern to us, LBRA needs a plan for compliance by coaches (launch drivers in organized regattas are exempt). Beyond minimum compliance, this is an opportunity to develop skills by club members that can help serve the needs of the club.

As a club, we are not in immediate need to comply. Only people 20 yrs old and younger need to be certified on January 1, 2018. And there exception to regatta launch drivers.

Michelle motioned that we require all of our coaches to become certified by end of 2018. If they are paid coaches, then they will pay any fees associated with their certification, if they are volunteer coaches, LBRA will pay for their certification. Volunteer launch drivers are not required to be certified as they are already covered within the policy, and we send out a notice to the club encouraging anyone who has an interest in getting their boating card, providing the link in how to do so. Motion approved.

Volunteer Policy. Goals is to set a higher standard for what volunteer hours should be.

Questions routinely come up about tasks and/or boathouse activities that qualify and how to track volunteer time. A draft policy will be discussed.

Sarah asked that we remove “wounded warrior” and have it read CARP Events. This was agreed, we support CARP. Bay Series will also be included.

Donations are expressly excluded.

A formal policy for volunteer service to the club as a way to encourage all members to contribute their time will be created no later than August 1, or 2 months before Annual Meeting with reminders to be sent out during the summer.

Volunteer activities of consideration are 4 hours “uninterrupted” regatta service, (Christmas, Spring, Beach Sprints), and Learn-to-Row. Conditioned on all Board members approving via email with discussed amendments.

Michelle motioned that we accept the policy revised as amended per discussion, Rob to revise and resend for affirmation. Conditioned on everyone approving the revision via email. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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