

# **LONG BEACH ROWING ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **October 6, 2008**

**Officers Attending:** President, Jim Litzinger  
Vice President, John Nunn  
Treasurer, Sabrina Aris-Guentz  
Secretary, Don Bogart

**Boat Captain:** A.C. duPont, (Dir. So. CA Row. Fdn.)

**Directors Attending:** Todd Mehl  
John Van Blom, (Dir. So. CA Row. Fdn.)  
Larry Hambleton

**Projects Chairperson:** Liza Luna

**City Liaison Officer:** Mark Sandoval, Manager Marine Department

**Visitors:** Brian Counter, Director of Rowing, Long Beach State  
Steve Guentz

General Meeting called to order by President Jim Litzinger at 7:50 p.m.

Mark Sandoval presented certificates of Masters Nationals accomplishments from Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster.

Jim Litzinger recognized and thanked last year's LBRA Officers and Board.

Jim thanked Terry and Tricia McGuigan and Ken Mattfeld for their work supporting the Bay Series.

Jim thanked members who worked to make the 2007 Christmas and Spring Regattas successes.

Jim recognized John Van Blom for his work on the Beach Sprints.

Jim thanked A.C. duPont for his organization of the Southwest Regionals.

Jim reminded everyone that the Christmas Regatta was coming up and would need volunteers.

Our elections were then conducted for next year's LBRA Board with the results as follows:

Jim Litzinger, President  
John Nunn, Vice President  
Sabrina Aris-Guentz, Treasurer  
Don Bogart, Secretary  
A.C. duPont, Captain  
John Van Blom, Boardmember  
Todd Mehl, Boardmember  
Katrin Gleie, Boardmember  
Larry Hambleton, Boardmember.

Teresa Hamilton, Helen Frykman, and Joan Van Blom were selected as the Nominating Committee for next year.

The General Meeting of all members was then adjourned and the Board Meeting started at 9:20 PM.

The Board Minutes from September 3, 2008 were approved.

### **President's Report**

President Jim Litzinger reported the following:

- Jim welcomed the new Board Members.
- LBRA earned approximately \$45,000 from the Masters Nationals.
- Jim said he agreed with candidate comments by Steve Guentz and Bill Bater about making LBRA a center for rowing excellence.
- Financial wrap up of the regatta will be at October 6<sup>th</sup> LBRA Meeting.
- Discussion led by Mark Sandoval about the design of the Marina improvements. Mark indicated that while a contract is being signed with the contractor, the plans haven't been approved by the city and that the final plans for the improvements won't be submitted to the city planning commission without LBRA being given the opportunity to review and comment on those final plans.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer Sabrina Aris-Guentz is organizing a financial report on revenues from the Masters Nationals.

## **Boat Captain's Report**

Boat Captain A.C. duPont reported the following:

- There is a problem with the engine mounts on some of the launches which is being pursued under warranty with the launch manufacturer.
- The club has on loan two Sykes boats which everyone likes and we might be able to negotiate a lease to buy agreement with Sykes. New, one of their boats is worth \$12,700 and the other, \$14,500. Steve Guentz suggested selling the Wintech and using the proceeds toward the Sykes boats. A motion that effect was made and passed.

## **New Business**

- Discussion of a Members Only section of the LBRA website. This could be used for a members' newsletter and for minutes.
- John Nunn discussed the possibility of an Olympic Development Center at LBRA. It would be for sculling, but wouldn't be a revenue generator.
- Larry Hambleton asked whether a swim test should be required of new members to assure they could deal with boat flips in the open water. In the discussion that followed it was stated that everyone signs a release that they are able to swim, and that as adults signing that they can swim, LBRA wouldn't be responsible if it turned out that they really couldn't. It was decided to offer a flip test to new members.

## **Action Items**

	Date	Action	Actionee	Status	Due Date
1	10/6/08	Answer Ken Mattfeld question from the General Meeting about the statuses of LBRA's debt, income tax returns, and property tax.	Jim Litzinger	Open	11/5/08
2	10/6/08	Send Sabrina an e-mail detailing information about a certified \$280 check we were supposed to have received from Debbie Davis of the Chester Rowing Club so that she can determine if we actually received it. Sabrina to let Don know.	Don Bogart/Sabrina Aris-Guentz	Open, Bogart sent e-mail 10/7/08	11/5/08
3	10/6/08	Send information about "I contact" software that could assist us with the Members Only website to Sabrina	Todd Mehl	Open	11/5/08

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4	10/6/08	Change the "Learn to Row" form to offer a flip test	Jim Litzinger	Closed 10/8/08  Hi Don...I took care of the update to AC's application and added the optional "flip test" portion and have printed up and they are already out in the lobby.  Jim	11/5/08
5	10/6/08	Determine a fair price for a used Peinert and buy one available for sale from a member.	AC duPont	Open	11/5/08

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully,  
Don Bogart, Secretary

Attachments:

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