

Meeting Minutes

DOLPHIN CLUB BOARD MEETING

May 15, 2013

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Jay Adams, Rick Avery, John Blackmun, Gretchen Coffman, Fran Collier, Ken Coren, Charlie Cross, Tom Davis, JD Durst, Joe Gannon, Lolly Lewis, Jane Mermelstein, Robin Rome, John Ottersberg, Diane Walton

7 pm

1. ACCEPTANCE & WELCOME OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Applicants: Benjamin Abram, Terence Bell, Terry Keenan, Tom Neill, Camila Pesce, Peter Prato, Lisa Reith, Ben Rosenfeld, David Stein, Laura Vartain Horn

Motion: RA / JO Accept the 10 new member applicants into membership.

Action on Motion: Passed with 13 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

2. MINUTES APPROVAL:

Motion: CC / JD Approve the minutes of the April 17, 2013 Board Meeting.

Action on Motion: Passed with 12 votes in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained.

3. CORRESPONDENCE: Diane Walton

Diane received a note from Fran Sutherland, who was a member in the 1970s.

The club received a letter from one of our Insurance Carriers, Fireman's Fund, who no longer wishes to underwrite the commercial policy for the club. Our broker is looking for a new company to issue a policy, and this should be accomplished before June 23, 2013.

The board had a conversation about public access and clarifying our policies regarding visitors to the club including day users, guests of members, and children (of members and guests). Diane has asked the building committee to explore this further at their June meeting and to bring a recommendation to the Board.

4. AUDIT COMMITTEE: John Ottersberg and Mimi Osborne—No report.

5. BALLOT COMMITTEE: Lou Marcelli –No report.

6. BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE: Sunny McKee—No report.

7. DOLPHIN YOUTH SWIM PROGRAM FUND: John Theede and Rudeen Monte – No report.
8. GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE: Meg Reilly and Ken Coren – No report.
9. HOUSE COMMITTEE: Diane Walton – No report.
10. PRESIDENT: Diane Walton

The Rowers Dinner was great fun, thanks to Robin Rome, John Blackman, the volunteers, the artists, and all of the Bingo players. We celebrated the women who joined the club in 1977 with a variety of buttons, designed by Jim Frew. Diane will attend 5/16 BayKeeper dinner, where our support and membership and-Tshirt auction item will be featured.

Diane met with representatives of Sperry and reports they have offered to give us \$10,000 to support youth rowing. They are also interested in supporting an archival project. (Two Sperry representatives went swimming.)

11. COMMUNICATIONS/OUTREACH: No report.
12. DOLPHIN LOG Keith Howell – No report.
13. OUTREACH MANAGER: Suzie Dods and Pete Perez – No report.
14. MEDIA-PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER: Meg Reilly – No report.
15. WEBSITE MANAGER: Linda Stanley Wilson – No report.
16. YAHOO GROUP MANAGER: Patrick Torre – No report.
17. ENTERTAINMENT: Robin Rome
18. FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Rick Avery – Update on membership.
19. RECORDING SECRETARY: Jane Mermelstein– No report.
20. TREASURER: Charlie Cross—Review Current Financial Status

The Board reviewed the Club's current financial status. Charlie Cross to complete our tax return.

21. BOAT CAPTAIN: John Blackmun

GOAL: To expose young rowers to the Bay and to the Dolphin Club, re-create and re-invigorate the link to our rowing lineage, and to excel at competition as Dolphin Club rowers.

WHAT: A pilot program for up to 16 youth, boys and girls, with at least one year of rowing experience, and outreach on rowing to a wider audience.

WHEN: May - November 2013 The viability of program will be evaluated in November 2013, based on benefit to the Club, impact on rowing program, benefit to participants, and impact of outreach.

The pilot participants will work out at Aquatic Park under the tutelage of Tom O'Connell, Monday and Friday mornings, and at Lake Merced on Thursday mornings. They will also be able to participate in at least two events in 2013-- a DC-sponsored youth rowing challenge event in September, and the DC-SE Triathlon in October. Other Dolphin rowers including Joe Abrams, Renee deCossio and Rachael Perry, will be working with them. They will take our rowing training, to assure awareness of tides and currents, and become acquainted with the mechanics and mysteries of our wooden boat fleet. They will also participate in at least one Boat Night. Attention will be given so that boats will be available for club members' use and that boats will not be used on mornings of club events (test swims, swims, etc.).

Outreach and increasing awareness of the benefits of rowing amongst those who have not had the opportunity to row is another component of the Tom Troneum Youth Rowing Project. The President and other Club members will work with the pilot participants to develop and deliver this message in a variety of venues.

MOTION: _JB_/_JG_ Create the Tom Troneum Youth Rowing Project for boys and girls with at least one year of rowing experience. Pilot to be held May-November 2013.

Action on Motion: _12_ votes in favor, _0_ against, and _2_ abstained.

22. HOUSE CAPTAIN: Jay Adams

1. Status of Approved Motions

- a. Completed – exterior stairways, heaters, miscellaneous repairs
- b. Pending – additional folding tables & chairs

2. Upcoming improvements

- a. Replace skylight at women's shower
- b. Re-grout floor tile at showers – requires shut-down for 3 days
- c. Replace security fence under dock

3. Motion (as recommended by Building Committee):

MOTION: _JA_/_JM_ Replace the skylight above women's shower (existing skylight damaged in wind storm). Cost not to exceed \$1250. Work to be performed by John Hornor.

Action on Motion: Passed with _14_ votes in favor, _0_ against, _0_ abstained.

4. The Club was cleaned, by a combination of paid and volunteer help, April 27-28, 2013. The morning of donated professional cleaning was not comprehensive, but progress was made. At its May meeting, the Building Committee asked that a small group be formed to take oversight responsibility for cleaning. The immediate goals for that group are to identify current janitor responsibility and need, and to identify the resources needed for the rest of the year.

The group will bring recommendations to the Building Committee in June, and the House Captain will bring a motion to the Board in June. This expenditure is not in the current budget.

MOTION: JA / GC Approve an expenditure of up to \$1500 for professional deep cleaning in June 2013.

Action on Motion: Passed with 11 votes in favor, 2 against, 1 abstained.

23. SWIM COMMISSIONER: Commissioners Doug James and Virginie Jabbour—No report.

24. HANDBALL COMMISSIONER: Craig Lawrence – No report.

25. WEIGHTROOM CAPTAIN: John Perino and Ivan Balarin – No report.

26. NEW BUSINESS

Fran Collier: A number of club members have observed out of control behavior of children of members and guests. What are our rules and guidelines about supervision of children, with the goal of a safe and congenial atmosphere for all? How is this communicated to our members and guests?

Members and guests will be asked to monitor their children.

Natazha Bernie: Host a lecture by Dr. James Chen on the Prevention and Management of Shoulder Injuries in Swimmers (45 mins presentation, 15 mins Q&A). This is information valuable to swimmers. Dr. Chen and Natazha understand this is not a sales pitch for Dr. Chen.

Motion: JM / CC Sponsor a lecture by Dr. James Chen on Prevention and Management of Shoulder Injuries in Swimmers, open to DC and SERC members, Wednesday, June 26th from 7-8 PM, Staib Room

Action on Motion: Passed with 10 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

27. DEFERRED BUSINESS: None.

28. ADJOURN:

Motion: LL / GC To adjourn May 2013 Dolphin Club Board Meeting.

Action on Motion: Passed with 14 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.