

Draft Meeting Minutes

DOLPHIN CLUB BOARD MEETING

November 28, 2012 BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30pm

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Reuben Hechanova, Ken Coren, Gretchen Coffman, Robin Rome, Jane Mermelstein, Pete Perez, John Ottersberg, Rick Avery, Joe Gannon, Margaret Keenan

Absent: Peter van der Sterre (excused), Sunny McKee (excused), Eileen Buckley (excused), Diane Walton (excused).

1. ACCEPTANCE & WELCOME OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Applicants: Kjell Jorgenson, Troy Vaughn, Dino "Sante" Deluca, Meg Martin, Jody Heng, Andrew Persson, Alison Datz, Maggie Ostdahl, Clint Hendler, Christopher Gage, James Tucker.

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

Action on Motion: Passed with 9 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

2. MINUTES APPROVAL:

Motion: JO/RA Approval of minutes of the October 17, 2012 Board Meeting.

Action on Motion: Passed with 8 votes in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained.

3. CORRESPONDENCE: Reuben Hechanova –

French filmmaker wants to make a film of the Dolphin Club. Reuben will forward one of his films on Vimeo to the board.

Mark Massara of Coastal Advocates and the Coastal Commission staff are planning a reception for the California Coastal Commission, to celebrate their 40th anniversary that will coincide with the Commission's December meeting in San Francisco. The reception will follow the CCC meeting on Dec. 12, which is the same day as the public workshop working with local government officials to improve LCP planning efforts, and will take place following conclusion of the meeting, or roughly from 5-7 pm. They would like to hold the event at the Dolphin Club and have the club join us as a "co-sponsor" of the event. Co-sponsorship is FREE.

Motion: KC/JO To host a reception for the California Coastal Commission at the Dolphin Club to celebrate their 40th anniversary on December 12, 2012 from approximately 5-7pm. No charge to CCC and is open to all members.

Action on Motion: Passed with 8 votes in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained.

Discussion: General Manager of NPS is very interested in coming to this party. Jane hopes that the burden of the party will not be on Robin Rome. Pete asked how many attendees. There should be around 80 members and city officials.

4. AUDIT COMMITTEE: John Ottersberg and Mimi Osborne – John presented and discussed audit report for September and October 2012.

5. BALLOT COMMITTEE: Lou Marcelli – Announced the nominees for Board of Governors and Officers. Discussed requirements of nominees for the Board of Governors. Members need to have been a member in good standing for one year.

President: Diane Walton

Vice-President: Gretchen Coffman

Recording Secretary: Jane Mermelstein

Financial Secretary: Rick Avery

House Captain: Reuben Hechanova

Boat Captain: Jay Adams

Treasurer: none

Board of Governors:

Ken Coren

John Ottersberg

Joe Gannon

J.D. Durst

Robin Rome

Discussed getting ballots ready to send out asap. Lou and Pete will work on Saturday. We will save money and time if we go electronically next year. We will have to amend the bylaws to permit electronic ballots. This requires 2/3 of members who vote to approve. Ken will draft verbage to vote on this and add to the ballot.

Motion: KC/JM Board approves addition of a proposal on this years ballot to ask if they would permit electronic voting to be an option for board elections.

Action on Motion: Passed with 9 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

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

7. DOLPHIN YOUTH SWIM PROGRAM FUND (S.F. Foundation): John Theede and Rudeen Monte – No report.

8. GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE: Meg Reilly and Ken Coren – Ken reported that several people have been really hurt biking along Aquatic Park on old cable car rails. Lynn Cullivan is spearheading this inquiry. The club has taken no position, but members have spoken as private citizens. There are two options to resolve this: (1) remove train tracks or (2) not allow bikers at all. December 6 there is an informational meeting on this topic.

9. HOUSE COMMITTEE: Reuben Hechanova – Discussed issues among two members in executive session.

10. PRESIDENT: Reuben Hechanova – President's report: He would like to have a meet and greet for the new board member and officers next meeting. And discuss targets for next year at the December board meeting.

11. COMMUNICATIONS/OUTREACH: No report.

12. LOG Editor: Keith Howell – Update on latest Log.

13. OUTREACH MANAGER: Suzie Dods and Pete Perez – Going to have an intro to the bay this month and will post the times on the web site.

14. MEDIA-PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER: Meg Reilly – No report.

15. WEBSITE MANAGER: Linda Stanley Wilson – Reuben mentioned that some members would like the website to be updated. Margaret would like to add more photos to the site. She will send me photos to send to Linda to add to web site.

16. YAHOO GROUP MANAGER: Patrick Torre – No report.

17. ENTERTAINMENT: Robin Rome – Presented entertainment report including: (1) Update on Pilot Appreciation Dinner on November 3; (2) Lynn Cullivan invited the board members and officers to the park's annual Holiday Party aboard the ferryboat Eureka, Thursday, December 13 from noon to 2pm. Please RSVP to me if you're planning to attend; and (3) Holiday Party is on December 15. There will be a guest appearance by Santa.

(4) Tom Davis would like the Board to review and consider the following proposal:

Who: Marine Applied Research and Exploration (MARE), a non-profit 501c3 marine technology and operations organization that conducts science and monitoring surveys with the goal of protecting and restoring marine ecosystems. Tom Davis has been a Dolphin Club member since 2000 and sits on the MARE board of directors. Information about the work they have done to help establish California's Marine Protected Areas can be found on the website:

<http://www.maregroup.org/>

What: A seafood dinner and fund/awareness-raiser at the Dolphin Club. I envision having online pre-sale tickets in the range of \$50 per person, and a donations-only wine and beer bar that is separate from the sale of tickets for the dinner. I imagine limiting the tickets to roughly 75 people, but I want to find a balance between as many attendees as possible while obviously remaining within the building's fire code and without undue strain on the facilities. Seafood will be "sustainably harvested" and the theme of the dinner will emphasize this kind of seafood. Options are local Dungeness crab, wild-caught Pacific salmon, etc. I plan to use the dolphin club kitchen to cook the dinner, and the club's tables/chairs/kitchenware, except for drinks which will be poured into disposable cups. I plan to use the main boat room for the dinner. Prior to the dinner will be a soiree "meet-and-greet" where people can enjoy drinks, conversation and soak in the atmosphere of the boat room. Representatives from MARE will give brief talks using the PA system educating diners about the work that MARE does in protecting coastal ecosystems and the importance of sustainably raised seafood. I and/or another dolphin member can speak about the club and our activities. We might possibly use a projector to show some video clips of footage from MARE's remotely operated vehicles surveys. I imagine the entire event running from about 6-9 pm. I still need to find volunteers to help cook, clean, pour drinks, set up the tables, etc. I will coordinate purchasing the food, volunteers, presentations, sale of tickets, and will generally "MC" the flow of events during the night.

Where: Dolphin Club boat room, kitchen.

When: May, 2013 (Friday or Saturday)

Why: Raise funds for MARE, raise awareness about California's Marine Protected Areas and sustainably raised seafood, and raise interest among non-club member attendees about the maritime culture of the Dolphin Club and potentially recruit new members.

Motion: JO/KC To host a seafood dinner and fund/awareness-raiser at the Dolphin Club in support of the non-profit organization Marine Applied Research and Exploration in May 2013 with date to be determined on upcoming board meeting.

Action on Motion: Passed with 9 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

18. FINANCIAL SECRETARY: John Ottersberg – Update on delinquent members payment. Discussed terminating members and the men’s locker situation. We need to add lockers. Proposal to take out double wooden lockers and make double lockers. John will analyze locker situation and work on a solution. Check fobs on all members and get count on underused lockers.

19. RECORDING SECRETARY: Gretchen Coffman – No report.

20. TREASURER: Rick Avery – Present monthly financial reports. We are in good shape – net income is currently at a surplus of \$35K.

21. BOAT CAPTAIN: Diane Walton – Presented Boat Committee report, including: Boat Committee met at Lake Merced in November. Lake Merced Dolphin Club rowers have had a very successful competitive season! Congratulations to Annie Hineker, Mike Perry, Kelley Amdur, Racheal Perry, Renee de Cossio, and Joe Abrams. The Arias is back, with new motor; the 3rd AB has been ordered and its motor purchased.

22. HOUSE CAPTAIN: Joe Gannon – Presented House Committee report, which included: (1) Reuben is working with City SF to get Galley issues permitted, and (2) the slop sink project bids will be presented at the December meeting.

23. SWIM COMMISSIONER: Commissioners: Erik Cufino and Doug James – Update on results of the Dick Beeler Crazy Cove and Thanksgiving Day Cove swims and planning for New Years Day Alcatraz. December 15 is the New Years Day Qualifier. Swim for Sharks made it to the front page of the Marina Times – Gretchen will send to Linda to post on web site.

24. HANDBALL COMMISSIONER: Craig Lawrence – No report.

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

26. NEW BUSINESS: Lou mentioned that the men’s locker room needs a new pot for the sauna because it leaks. Joe will take care of it.

27. DEFERRED BUSINESS: None.

28. ADJOURN:

Motion: KC/JG To adjourn November 2012 Dolphin Club Board Meeting.

Action on Motion: Passed with 9 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.