**Charleston Paddle Club
Board Meeting**December 17, 2018

**Opening**

Jason Wong called the Charleston Paddle Club Board Meeting to order at 6:02 pm ET, on December 17, 2018. The meeting took place at 2 Wharfside Road, suite 3-O, Charleston.

In attendance:

Jason Wong

Darcie Goodwin

Jackie Kuc

 Kelly Hood
 Jeff Hood
 Billy Lempesis
 Steve Connor
 William Dion

September 10, 2018 and October 15, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* We currently have $1,789.52 in the bank
* We are to be reimbursed by $577.77 by each of the players participating in the boat lease. Steve will send the invoices to Roger to manage.
* Purchased the OC-6 and the trailer for $1,500, boat lease, made final payment for coaching fees and party expenses.
* Upcoming expenses will be City of Charleston business license, SE Regional Dragon Boat Association (SERDBA) dues, and Trinidad & Tobago fees.
* End of year membership is at 59.
* Outstanding issues are the coaching contract, whether we move forward with the coach boat and whether or not we will change the dues going forward.

**New Business**

* Kelly is running for vice president of the SE Regional Dragon Boat Association. Billy may be appointed the state representative. The voting will be by January 15, 2019. Our club members haven’t paid dues in a long time, but the club can make a vote.

**Old Business**

* The coach has agreed to start January. The fee, in conjunction with helping out with summer camp (steerspeople, regular paddlers and equipment), will work. The frequency needs to be confirmed.
* Practices will be mixed with dragon boat and the OC-6.

**Dragon Boat**

Review of possible dragon boat races for the year. Considerations for how many, where and the cost. Another question is to create races that are individual races rather than CPC-sponsored races. Roger recommended to focus on just three, plus Beaufort as it’s just a day trip, and do those well.

* + Trinidad & Tobago – tentatively scheduled
	+ Tampa is the same time as the Carolina Cup – skip
	+ DBC Festival
	+ Sarasota (SRDBA) is May 11th, Charlotte is May 18th, June 1st is the Mt. Dora Paddlefest. Of these three, Charlotte has the advantage of proximity. Mother’s Day may be an issue with Sarasota.
	+ Boston, June 8-9. The race is highly recommended—very competitive. One consideration is how early in the season this race is. It might be better to start out with a lighter race.
	+ **Beaufort, June 22 – yes.**
	+ Salisbury, NC and Chicago are July 27, Chicago, Richmond is August 3. The competition for Richmond is good but the view of the races is obscured.
	+ Mercer County (ERDBA), September 14 – This is a big race. This would be a consideration if being considered for the nationals. Jason recommended saying no at this point. Jeff said we could make Mercer our goal. Roger said we aren’t really ready yet, but we should consider looking three years out and building toward this as an end goal.
	+ **Jacksonville, September 21 – yes.** Jackie recommended going to this race.
	+ Raleigh (PanAm), September 28 – There are a lot of corporate teams, but there are some competitive teams.
	+ **Orlando, October 19 – yes**. It’s a serious race. We know what to expect and it helps set an end goal.
* Jeff recommended having an overview of what we are doing and what our projects are when we hold our annual meeting.
* Roger recommended having a clinic in July/August. Kelly and Jackie recommended having the clinic in May to prep for the races.

**OC-6**

* Consideration needs to be taken about the timing for OC-6 races. Jackie recommended training as a team and then fielding a boat where team members can choose which races in which they want to participate.
* Billy recommended picking an OC-6 race and see how the popularity is and build on that. Jason said the easy one is Chucktown Showdown. Jackie said that there is no one to compete against.
* Jackie said we should pick two OC-6 races with one boat for each.
* Jeff said that the OC-6 season is longer, and we could have those races outside of the dragonboat season.
* Kelly said this would be a good recruitment tool.
* **The Sharkbite Challenge in Dunedin, FL is on April 13th and 14th – yes.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2019