

Charleston Paddle Club
Board Meeting
March 11, 2019

Opening

Jackie Kuc called the Charleston Paddle Club Board Meeting to order at 6:21 pm ET, on March 11, 2019. The meeting took place at Saffron on Calhoun Street, Charleston.

In attendance:

Darcie Goodwin
Jackie Kuc
Jeff Hood
Karen Morgan
Andrea Pietras
Sindhu Prabhakar
Deb Carson
Jason Wong

President's Report

- Minutes. Jackie asked for approval of the February minutes as amended.
 - Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jackie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Darcie made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jeff seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- As of March 11, 31 people have paid their 2019 membership dues.
- The current balance in the old account is \$6,226.61, which includes \$1,759 in Tobago fees that will be 100% flow through, less the \$300 deposit that was paid. The current balance in the new account is \$100, plus a PayPal account of membership dues of \$120.73 and \$35 for a shirt. Another membership fee is still pending from PayPal. Note that the funds from the old checking account will be transferred to the new account.
- Recent expenses include reimbursement of \$360.31 for hull maintenance materials/ supplies to William Dion and \$100 to Pete Lempesis for the boat lease.
- Upcoming expenses include the recurring boat lease, final payment for Tobago, steering oars, boat maintenance, chase boat motor M&R, a deposit for the 2019 coach contract and the hull/property insurance premium.

- Debit cards have been issued for the new account. Because we now have debit cards, Jackie asked if could we could do away with our credit card. Deb said that the credit card gives more flexibility and the money won't be pulled right away. Jason said that the credit card was heavily used for online transactions but we always paid off the credit card bill. Andrea asked if we could have a credit card with benefits. Deb said that unless there is a penalty, she doesn't see why we would have to cancel it.
- Transferred credit cards on the Wix website and updated the card for TeamSnap. Jackie will do it for MeetUp with her debit card.
- We have to wait for our checks to come in to set up on Amazon Smile. Darcie to send out a notification to the club that it is up and running and let Anara know to post it on Facebook.
- Outstanding issues include modifying the 2019 budget to increase M&R expenses, the OC-6 berthing plan, the coach boat "option to purchase," license agreement for Hooters OC-6 and 20 man dragon boat and establishment of the new owner on the PayPal account.

Secretary's Report

- Darcie and Sindhu checked out having a fee via MeetUp. Jason said we could set up something where people pay via PayPal and Venmo. Deb said that the fees could go toward membership. Jason also said to capture emails.
- Karen plans to set up a non-profit night at Pour, and we will get a portion of the profits. Sindhu said we could invite people via MeetUp to get to know the club. Her hiking club does this. Karen is setting up a Venmo account. Jason said we need to change the language a bit to make it more appealing.
Jackie made a motion to charge a \$5 fee for new people on MeetUp and Facebook that will be applied to their membership should they join. Darcie seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Fundraising

- The person Jackie reached out to said no to being in charge of fundraising. If anyone knows someone or has ideas for fundraising, please let us know.

Boat Maintenance

- We'll have a clean up one Saturday to clean the boats.
- Jackie is working on sources for steer oars.

Team Captain

- Practice schedule:
We will begin our regular practice schedule this week to include Tuesday/Thursday evening practices in addition to our Saturday novice and club practices. Effective now, we will no longer have practices on Sundays unless members want to do a "pick up" OC practice.
 - Steering schedule:
The steering schedule sign-up has been updated for March. We currently have 10 club members who are willing to steer for practices. William has offered to manage the steering schedule.
 - Tobago:
We currently have 18 paddlers, two drummers, coach Radel, and two spouses registered for Tobago and everyone has paid in full. Coach lodging and travel have been reserved and paid in full.
We had a full team two-day practice session March 2 and 3 including all out of town paddlers (from Charlotte, Chicago and DC), and we incorporated an SUP session at James Island County Park for the team which was well received.
Our out of town paddlers were hosted in homes of our local paddlers.
The schedule in Tobago will be:
Practice at the race venue on Tuesday March 19 and Thursday March 21
Race days are:
 - March 22 - 2000m and 1000m
 - March 23 - 500m
 - March 24 - 200mWe have a balance due of \$1,982 (to be wired). This includes:
 - +\$100 per athlete = \$2,100
 - +\$75 per supporter = \$150
 - +fee for race bibs = \$32
 - -\$300 deposit previously paid =[\$300]There will also be associated wire fees for both the sending and receiving banks.
- *Since Coach and many of our team paddlers will be attending this race we will need to watch the Novice practice sign up for March 23 and cancel the MeetUp if there is not sufficient interest. Billy has agreed to keep an eye on this sign up and will let Darcie know if we need to cancel.
- May race update:
As we discussed at the last meeting, the May race in Sarasota will offer berths to the Club Crew Worlds Competition in France next year and since our goal is to elevate the level of competition we offer. Kelly sent out a request for active club members to determine if there was enough interest

in changing our May race as scheduled from Charlotte (May 18) to Sarasota (May 11).

Below are the replies Kelly received:

- Prefer to race in Sarasota = 13
- Prefer to race in Charlotte = 2
- Not planning to race in either = 8
- Interested in Sarasota but unable as they are already registered with DBC (see below) = 4

Given these responses, Kelly recommends that we change our May race schedule to reflect Sarasota rather than Charlotte. Darcie will check with Kelly for the appropriate language before sending it to the team on TeamSnap. The official registration deadline has passed but we did receive special permission to register late as long as it is before March 31.

*It is required, however, that everyone attending the Sarasota race register for SRDBA membership, preferably by this weekend, and our members that have already signed up to race with DBC in Sarasota are not allowed to also race with us as this is a regulated club-specific competition. Anyone not registered with SRDBA by midnight on March 31 will not be allowed to compete in this race, no exceptions. This is an absolute deadline. Everyone who responded with Sarasota as their preference did so with the understanding that club dues and SRDBA dues would be payable no later than March 16.

- Beaufort:
Early bird registration deadline for Beaufort is May 1. Kelly recommends the board set a sign-up/commitment (aka fees paid) deadline of April 27 for this race. Jason recommended posting for Beaufort. Darcie will post it on TeamSnap.
- SRDBA update:
SRDBA registration is \$15 and can be completed online at [SRDBA.org](https://www.srdba.org). We should also encourage all of our members to register since we receive a \$10 credit for the club (up to \$300) for each individual member that signs up prior to March 31. Refund checks for this are paid to the club at the end of March. We currently have five members registered - Kelly, Jeff, Karen, Andrea and Kristen.
- USDBF update:
Kelly attended the USDBF annual general meeting in Philadelphia in February. An important change was voted on at that meeting related to how berths are awarded to Club Crew Worlds Championships.

- To clarify, the *Club Crew* Championships (such as Puerto Rico in 2017 and Tobago this year) occur in odd-numbered years. These races are open to any established club that wants to compete.
- The *Club Crew World* Championships (such as Hungary last year and France next year) occur in even-numbered years. **These races are by invitation only.** Each country has a certain number of "berths" that they can award to teams within their country. Currently, the USDBF (our national organization) awards berths as follows: each region - Southern (SRDBA), Eastern (ERDBA), Midwest (ADBA), and Pacific (PDBA) - is allowed to award one berth for each racing category and these are awarded at the Regional competitions in odd numbered years, e.g., Sarasota this year will award berths for the southern region for next year. Additionally, one berth per racing category is awarded at the National competition, also in odd numbered years. This year's National competition is in Colorado Springs. *Currently it is not required that teams compete in their respective Regional competition in order to compete at the National competition.
- The rule change is as follows - effective in 2021, ALL berths awarded by USDBF will be given at the National championship only. This means going forward if we want to compete for Worlds competition berths we must plan to compete in the Nationals competitions in the preceding year. This also means that all members will need to register annually with our region, SRDBA. It has not yet been determined but it is possible that we will need to medal at future Regional competitions in order to qualify to compete in that year's National competition. Kelly expects this will be discussed at the next SRDBA board meeting later this month, and she will update the board as she knows more.
 The significance of this change is that going forward if we want to compete for berths to Worlds we should plan to compete at both the Regional and National races in those odd-numbered years. Sarasota this year will give us a good idea of what competition levels to expect for future Regional and National races.
 Deb will send out a notice about the direction the club is moving and that we want to compete in these things.
- Hype-Mattingly Scholarship:
 USDBF is offering a scholarship this year for a paddler to attend a camp of their choice with the goal of not only improving their own skills but also to bring back information to improve performance of their club as whole. The paddler must have a recommendation from his/her coach as well as a fellow paddler. The scholarship covers costs of the camp but not for travel or lodging. We have had some interest. Kelly would love to see one of our paddlers utilize this scholarship. *This is the last week for paddlers to apply. The application is available on the SRDBA website.

- Dragon Boat Charleston update:
DBC's Athletic Coordinator Monica Selinsky has resigned from her position at DBC effective April 1. An official job posting will be available soon for this paid, part-time position. If anyone knows someone who may be interested in this position, they should contact Amy Brennan at Amy@dragonboatcharleston.org.

Old Business

- CPRC summer camps will be June 21, July 12 and August 2 at Brittlebank. We will need to enlist 10 -12 volunteers from 8:30-12:30. We have paddles and PFDs we can provide. They will need steers people. We'll need to publicize this and get people to sign up. Sindhu asked if people could come at different times. Karen mentioned a DBC steersman. Jackie said we will likely need DBC boats and equipment. Darcie will post it on TeamSnap.
- Roger is finding out what it would cost to move the lift to City Marina. Kelly has been talking with DBC and she said that DBC is ok for moving the OC-6 to Bristol. She also said the Louise was paying for a space at Bristol, but we are not aware of this.
- Karen is going to maintain payment on Wave. On TeamSnap, dues will be player/ non-player and only upcoming events will be kept on TeamSnap.
- Jackie said that she doesn't see changing fees for different races at this time as Sarasota already requires people pay \$15 to join SRDBA.

New News

- David is working on finding a place for a pint night.
- June 1 is the payment date for coach.
- The Charleston Outdoor Festival would take place on April 13 (10-5) & 14 (10-4). CRPC is offering a booth in exchange for a boat and some people. We will need to see the time commitment and then find steers people and someone to move the boat. Jason said we could bring the 10-man boat. It's logistically easier. Andrea will lead the project. Sindhu, Darcie and Jason will help. Jason said that we can sell our shirts.
- The summer schedule is up. It is our standard Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- Jackie asked if anyone is interested in coordinating the OC-6 schedule. Karen asked who steers. Jackie provided names. She would send an email out to the steers people to confirm a time and day. She would then send a notice out and would manage uncovering and covering and stowing the boat. Karen gave a tentative yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2019