**Charleston Paddle Club  
Board Meeting**January 14, 2019

**Opening**

Jason Wong called the Charleston Paddle Club Board Meeting to order at 6:08 pm ET, on January 14, 2019. The meeting took place at 2 Wharfside Road, suite 3-O, Charleston.

In attendance:

Jason Wong

Darcie Goodwin (by phone)

Jackie Kuc

Kelly Hood  
 Jeff Hood  
 Billy Lempesis  
 Steve Connor  
 William Dion  
 Roger Jones

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Current balance is $2,504.72, including $1,375 for the Trinidad & Tobago race. That funding will be a 100% flow through. We still haven’t received coach boat reimbursements. Roger is working on it but he pointed out that the College of Charleston is giving the parking space for free.
* Given our ongoing and upcoming expenses, our balance is challenging. For example, we need to buy a new steering oar. We also have people who have been carrying their coach session fee forward, which is possibly up to $800. Jackie said we should send an email to these people to ask about whether they want to redirect the fee. Jason said that we should say that if they don’t redirect the funding, it will be used for boat maintenance.
* We currently have 11 paid members. Kelly asked if we are raising our dues. Roger said we should keep the dues the same but increase them next year with a justification of why. Jackie said that we can consider increasing the race fees. The team decided to have a straight annual fee – no discounts for part-time participation.
* We spent more than $15,000 for items including insurance, the coach boat, a coach, jerseys and other collateral along with the purchase of the OC-6.
* Kelly asked if we made or lost money on race fees this year. Steve said it was pretty much a wash. Kelly said that she would like us to take in a little bit more.
* Jeff said that we should ask everyone to put $10 in a bucket for food. That would generate revenue.

**New Business**

* Jackie put together a document about participation rules. She would like input back. Kelly said that we need to set a deadline for participation in every race, then if we don’t have the needed paddlers, we should just not go to the race. Jackie asked that she write that up.

**Old Business**

* Jason confirmed the schedule for 2019.   
   **Official Races**March 22: Pan American Club Crew Championships 2019, Trinidad & TobagoMay 17: Charlotte Dragon Boat FestivalJune 21: Beaufort Dragon Boat FestivalSeptember 20: Jacksonville Dragon Boat FestivalOctober 18: Orlando International Dragon Boat Festival

**Individual Races**April 26: Carolina Cup, Wrightsville Beach and River Quest, Beaufort  
May 3: Charleston Dragon Boat Festival  
May 10: Edisto Island Classic  
May 31: Paddlebender, Lake Dreher, SC  
July 26: Trophy Lakes Time Trials  
August 16: Hoe Wa’a OC Race, Brigantine, NJ  
October 4: Paddle Splash, Lake Jocassee, SC  
November 1: Paddlefest, Hunting Island, SC

* **Annual Meeting**  
  No one volunteered for the board so Jason laid out the proposed 2019 slate:
* President - Jackie Kuc
* Vice President - Jeff Hood
* Treasurer - Steve Connor
* Secretary - Darcie Goodwin
* Member at Large - Roger
* Member at Large - Austin
* Member at Large - Sindhu
* Member at Large - William
* Team Captain - Billy Lempesis

Kelly realizes that no one else wants to be Treasurer, but she recommended having someone in the background handling the finances like Anara. She could do some reports. Steve said he has all transactions logged, but if you want something more sophisticated, that would be fine. Roger asked if we prepare a budget. Steve said we have been doing that for the last few years. Jason said that when the new board comes on, that it would be a good exercise to review the finances so everyone has a picture of what’s going on. William recommended increasing the race fee by $10. Roger recommended sending the budget out so that people can discuss anticipated needs and expenses at the next meeting.

Jason proposed approval of the slate. The slate was approved unanimously.

Timing for the annual meeting was proposed for January 30th at 6:30pm at Harborview Towers or another location. Jason and Jackie will set the agenda, including voting for the new board, reviewing the race schedule and the coaching plan, including the summer camp activity. Steve will share the financial report.

* **Trinidad & Tobago**
  + William asked how the coach’s training costs will be covered. Jason explained that as long as we help with the summer program on three Fridays, there is no additional fee.
  + Billy said that for the premier race we possibly have 3-4 women and 3 men. For the senior team, the numbers are good – 15. Bottom line is that two teams can be fielded but the premier team will have some seniors.
  + For the coach to attend the race would cost around $1,500. Kelly said that it would help for the coach to go. Steve said it cost $400 for him to go to Orlando. Roger asked if people would pay a coach’s fee of $50. Kelly said that the out-of-towners will never have met him. Jason said to be straightforward and say that the fee is for the coach. Billy pointed out that very few of the paddlers who are attending Trinidad & Tobago will have experience with him as a coach. Roger said $50 each would cover about half the fees. Billy said that John could stay with him for free. Roger said we should ask $25 per participant then. The team agreed. Kelly said she would ask paddlers if they would be willing to contribute $25. Kelly asked if the club can cover the coach’s ticket and entry fee.
  + Jason said that everyone agrees there is value to have the coach there. Financially it can be managed, but the question is whether he can swing the time.
  + Jeff and William pointed out that we need more practices for the race. Sunday was proposed.
* **Coach**
  + A call was conducted with the coach who said he’s available for Trinidad & Tobago, but will confirm if he can take off. The club offered to cover the room and flight and he agreed.
  + Coach confirmed that the coaching fee would remain the same, but the club would help with camp over the summer for three Fridays. Ideally at least eight volunteers would participate at each camp.
  + The coach said that key staff would be taken to Atlanta for three days of training, possibly the end of April. He is not sure if they would be willing to take anyone from the club.
  + The idea is to have an event at James Island, but first they need a boat out there to see how it works.
  + Kelly asked if there is a more efficient way to sign waivers because the process is very cumbersome. Coach said he would work on it as it lopped off 15 minutes from practice. Kelly said that we could put the waiver on our site or send it out so people could return it filled out. John said that we should send an email to whoever needs it, and he can send an electronic copy.
  + Coach asked if a clinic was planned for the spring. If so, we need to sort it out sooner rather than later.
  + Coach said that for the upcoming race, it would be ideal to take out two 10-man boats since the race is a 10 man. Fitness goals are outside the boat.
  + Billy proposed the out-of-towners come for one weekend. Everyone agreed. The first week of March was proposed.
  + Coach recommended outside fitness training. Kelly said she would manage that.
* **OC-6 Berth Move**
  + Jackie recommended having both boats at City Marina.
  + Billy pointed out that we need to get the boat out of the water but we don’t have enough money for another boat lift.
  + Billy said that there is a long, narrow float that is not being used. He will try to find out whose it is to see if we can use it.
  + Billy is going to take some measurements.
  + Jackie recommended the end of the dock at City Marina where there isn’t anyone and where the boat could be dry docked. She also said that at Brittlebank, there are times when the boat can’t go out.
  + Billy said that Saturday we need to go out to the dock and make an assessment.
  + Roger asked if CPC also got the trailer for the OC-6. He recommended CPC sell it to pay for a lift.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2019