

Charleston Paddle Club
Board Meeting
April 15, 2019

Opening

Jackie Kuc called the Charleston Paddle Club Board Meeting to order at 6:11 pm ET, on April 15, 2019. The meeting took place at 2 Wharfside Road, suite 3-O, Charleston.

In attendance:

Darcie Goodwin
Jackie Kuc
Roger Jones
Karen Morgan
Andrea Pietras
Sindhu Prabhakar
Deb Carson

President's Report

- Andrea made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Roger seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
- Karen made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Deb seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

We have 31 paid members (\$125 base), three regular paddlers (attended more than three times) have not paid. We have one paddler on a payment plan with balance due of \$95.

Current Balance: \$1,874.58

Recent Expenses:

- Coach Fee - \$1,000
- Insurance - \$382, \$728
- Boat Repair - \$678.16
- TeamSnap - \$12.49
- New Checks - \$22.05
- Boat Lease - \$100 (not cleared)

Upcoming/Expected Expenses:

- Recurring Boat Lease - \$100 per month
- Steering Oars
- Boat Maintenance
- Green OC-6 (Daisy) repairs
- D&O Insurance – invoice pending
- MeetUp Fee - \$89.94 every six months
- Charlotte/Beaufort Festival Fees

Outstanding Issues:

- 2019 Budget (Increase M&R Expenses)
- OC-6 Berthing Plan
- Coach Boat "option-to-purchase"
- License agreement for Hooters OC-6 and 20-man Dragon Boat (Roger)

MISC:

- Karen used Wave accounting invoicing for three unpaid paddlers. It is very simple and easy to use. Karen received one reply and one request for a fee to be waived by a team member who covered an expense for the club. Darcie made a motion to waive the fee. Jackie seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
- William said that he would order two steering oars for \$295 each. Given the current account balance, Jackie made a motion to order one oar and then checking to see if another oar can be ordered. Andrea seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
- Karen is going to invoice the Charlotte participants.

Secretary's Report

- Deb put together a summary of the new US DBF rules for getting to the nationals. It is very important. To go to a national/ world competition, requires a two-year plan at a minimum. You must first get a berth for a world race through participation in a national race. The other component is that paddlers must be members of the DBF to participate in the national race. Technically this year, we could sign up for the Colorado Springs race, but that is the only race in which we could participate.
- Jackie said that the document is something to use in the long-term plan of recruiting and retaining people.
- Deb is going to post the information on the website.

Fundraising

- Melissa has offered to help with fundraising and specifically mentioned an event on May 27. Darcie will follow up with her.
- Jackie said it would be great to do some football pools or March Madness to raise funds. Karen found a site where non-profits can set up brackets.
- Karen is going to work on a date for Pour Taproom. Jackie will then work with Anara to publicize the event.
- Roger recommended holding a raffle.

Boat Maintenance

- The OC-6 is still waiting for repairs. Billy recommended speaking with Lenny about a quote on what is required.
- There is a repair that is required on the 20-man boat that Billy said he will do.

Team Captain

- We have a full boat for Charlotte together with two paddlers from Charlotte.

- Kelly sent a note about the coaching plan. The coach is working on a strategic coaching plan to cover the season with Orlando being our goal. The coach will then select paddlers he feels will work well as assistant coaches.

Old Business

- Need to start recruiting for people for the CCRE summer camp. Jackie is getting more details from the coach, and Darcie will send out a notice.
- Jackie is going to contact Pete about the coach boat.
- Roger said we are looking at buying a little jet dock for the OC-6. We could keep the other OC-6 on the hydraulic. Roger said that they are also exploring the purchase of a brand-new OC-6. The details are being ironed out.
- Jackie doesn't want anything changed with regard to MeetUp/TeamSnap this season but we can discuss options for the next season. Deb said we should look at our objectives and determine what best meets our needs.
- Trinidad/Tobago Debrief:
 - The issue was that the team tried to do too much – to have a senior b team and a premier team. We also didn't really know what the rules were. We ended up with two short teams, and once you were in a boat for the day, that is where you were for the day. One better approach would have been to say what the issue is and determine how to proceed with CPC paddlers. Given the numbers we had, we could have raced premier. Moving forward Jackie said that the board, captain and coach need to make a decision on how to proceed based on the CPC participants. We need to be careful when recruiting outside paddlers. Deb said that the trick is on who is making the decision and making sure it's transparent. It also needs to be known as far in advance as possible.
 - Roger said that the race was a mistake because of the overall cost, similar to the Puerto Rico race. In both cases, he feels that the team lost momentum. Deb said that with the long-term two-year plan, it would work better. Deb asked about next steps based on the experience. Should we develop a strategic plan to include Panama in two years? Jackie said that we need to set the goal further out as we need to get our membership numbers up. Deb said we need 60 really active paddlers in order to be able to field a team. Roger said that we can recruit at least half of our former paddlers. Deb recommended having a retreat to discuss growing membership. Andrea said that going to races like Trinidad & Tobago will help with recruitment. Jackie said that rather than a race overseas maybe we should set goals for other regional races that are a little further out, like DC or Richmond.
- Jackie said we really need to work on forming committees.
- Jackie sent out a note about changing the structure of newbie practices. If they come two Saturdays in a row, then we can invite them to a weekday practice. Then we can charge them \$5 per practice, and it will go toward dues. Darcie said that we should make them pay as they sign up. Darcie is going to check if full members can be exempt.

New News

- Jackie is sending out a rental agreement from the owners of the OC-6 and 20-person boat, and we will vote on it. Roger said that the owners are working on

getting more liability insurance and they require a lease agreement in order to get it.

- Boat safety will be addressed amongst the owners and a rule sheet will be developed. Roger also said that training on how to flip the OC-6 needs to be done.
- Jackie would like someone to organize the OC-6 and manage having things put away so the other team lead can focus on steering.
- Deb recommended creating reduced dues for affiliate members for discussion at the next meeting.
- Deb and Darcie will come up with a body of language to recruit old members to come back on the boat.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2019