

# South End Rowing Club Board of Directors Meeting

August 13, 2008 — 6:00P.M.  
500 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

## MINUTES

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

Peter Ross, President	Kathy Bailey, Director at Large
Bill Wygant, Past President	Mark Welte, Director at Large
Elizabeth Glass, Secretary	Mike Kemmitt, Gym Comm.
Tom Paoli, Swim Comm.	Trudy DiLorenzo, Membership
Dan McLaughlin, Boat House Capt.	Ray Zahnd, Building, Comm.
Robin Kincade, Entertainment Comm.	Susan Herder, Running Comm.
Wayne Black, Hand ball Comm.	Paul Nordquist, Rowing Comm.
Mike Alvarez, Director at Large	

#### Guests:

Dan Needham	Brenda Austin
Dianna Shuster	Rafe Goorwitch
Bob Isaacson	Lee Bender

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from July approved

### IV. ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSINERS REPORTS

#### A. RUNNING—ATTACHED

#### B. ROWING--ATTACHED

In addition, Paul discussed that new parts are needed to maintain the boats in proper working order, many seats and rails are worn out. This could become an annual expense.

Estimate--\$1000.00

Dan McLaughlin motions for approval

Elizabeth Glass seconds

Motion passed

**C. MEMBERSHIP—ATTACHED**

**D. GYM**

Mike Kemmitt reports that he is looking for a new maintenance person as the one we have had recently has been hard to get a hold of. He is checking into Gym Doctor and will provide a proposal at the next meeting.

**E. BUILDING**

Ray and Dan report on the proposal for a new glass enclosure on the patio. It would make the patio more usable as it would serve as a wind screen. Ray has gotten an estimate for \$3500.00.

Susan Herder Motions for approval

Peter Ross Seconds

Motion Passed

Ray has also reported that the cleaning crew has been cleaning the club.

**F. ENTERTAINMENT--ATTACHED**

**G. SWIMMING--ATTACHED**

Tom Paoli, as Swim Commissioner, wanted to clarify the Club's policy on zodiac rentals so as to provide guidance for future Swim Commissioners and Boards. The Board adopted the following policy:

1. Zodiacs fall under the purview of the Swim Commissioner.
2. Zodiacs are available for members' use without special rental charge for: Club swims, sunriser swims and sundowner swims (swims that are announced/known to the general membership and are open to all members).
3. Members may rent zodiacs with permission of the Swim Commissioner:
  - a. For training swims for a swimming event in which the Club member will be representing the South End, member will be charged a subsidized rate of \$25 for first hour and \$10/hour for each subsequent hour. This rate is subject to change as costs increase.
  - b. For all other swims/uses, members will be charged a non-subsidized rental fee designed to cover the true cost of the zodiac.
  - c. The presumption is that no approval will be granted for swims outside of the Golden Gate Bridge.
4. Non-members may not be in the zodiacs at any time.

5. Zodiacs may be used in non-Club swims with approval of the South End Board, based on the prior recommendation of the Swim Commissioner. Considerations for approval include:

a. Whether there is a partnering opportunity with the non-Club swim – i.e., whether the Club receives adequate recognition

b. Whether the non-Club swim competes with the Club's Alcatraz Invitational, or other major swims

c. Under all circumstances of zodiac use in non-Club swims, the Club must be named as an additional insured by the insurer of the organization sponsoring such swim.

6. All members using the zodiac must be approved by the Swim Commissioner following suitable training.

## **V. TREASURER REPORT**

Joe Boone was not present to report.

Peter Ross reports that Joe identified a seemingly viable candidate for internet clothing sales. He needs electronic copies of SERC logos. Dan Needham indicated that Arttech.com, which was used for any embroidery type clothing, should have our logos on file.

## **VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION MATTERS**

### **A. PROPOSED SOUTH END SCULPTURE**

Bob Isaacson was present to follow up on the Sculpture being donated by Dorian Lisbona  
SERC board voted on the Pelican

A committee will be put together to prepare for installation—Ray Zahnd, Dan McLaughlin, Bob Isaacson

A Concrete foundation is needed and estimated to cost \$300-\$500

Ray Zahnd motions for acceptance of the statue

Kathy Baily Seconds

Motion Passed

### **B. HONOR AND ROAST**

Wayne Buford previously asked for nominees for the honor and roast he is planning – either for November 1, 2008 or February 2009. The Board discussed some initial possibilities.

### **C. ATHLETE'S LOUNGE**

Joe Boone reported that we have received our money from Athlete's Lounge and will have a full report at the next meeting.

**D. SECURITY/FRONT DOOR**

Front door to club has not been functioning properly and this has allowed people to enter the club.

Ray Zahnd reports that it is an electric/software problem.

Adjustments have been made so that the door is open for a shorter amount of time.

**F. DOGS**

Peter noted that there was considerable email traffic over dogs at the club. He will attempt to talk with the individuals involved.

**VII MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 PM**



**South End Rowing Club  
Commissioner Report – Entertainment  
SERC Board Meeting of   8/13/08**

**Events Since Last Meeting:**

**Name of Event:** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party

Description: we had a members only party you could bring 4 guests

Date: 7/4/08

Event Chair: Robin Kincade

Number of Participants:

Entry Fee: None

Total Revenues: None

Total Expenses: \$175 for hot dogs and soda's for the police and fire  
\$1500 for two security guards

Profit: None

**Name of Event: Joe Boone Lake Merced Meeting**

Description: A board meeting for the political issues, including boat of SERC in cookshack

Date: 7/22

Event Chair: Joe Boone

Number of Participants: 20

Entry Fee: none

Total Revenues:none

Total Expenses: none

Profit: none

**Upcoming Events:**

Name of Event: Open Water National Dinner

Description: hosted dinner in the upper boat house

Date: 7/25/08

Event Chair: Diane Davis/Kim Pross

Number of Participants: 100

Entry Fee: None

Estimated Total Revenues: None

Estimated Total Expenses: None

Estimated Profit: None

**Other Developments:**

**Parties coming up**

8/24 Joe Bulter neighborhood party

Contact: SARAH KLIBAN

INTERNATIONAL TALENT CASTING

(415) 781-2278

8/26 joe boone meeting-Lake Merced Meeting in the cookshack

By: Robin Kincade

[entertainment] Commissioner

**SOUTH END ROWING CLUB  
COMMISSIONER REPORT – MEMBERSHIP  
SERC BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2008**

**New Members Since Last Meeting:        15**

**[Month] July**

Male: 646

Female: 280

Total New Members – [Month]

Total New Members – Year to Date:

  8   Male

  7   Female

**Total SERC Members:**

654 Male

287 Female

     Full Paying

     Out of Town

     Lifetime

**Other Developments:**

[e.g., termination of membership, death, etc.]

By: Trudy DiLorenzo

Membership Commissioner

**South End Rowing Club  
Rowing Commissioner Report  
SERC Board Meeting of July 13, 2008**

**Events Since Last Meeting:**

**Name of Event:** Wooden Boat Rowing Clinic @ SERC  
**Description:** Wooden Boat Clinic for members and public  
**Date:** 7/13/08  
**Event Chair:** Paul Nordquist  
**Number of Participants:** 10  
**Entry Fee:** \$25  
**Total Revenues:** \$250  
**Total Expenses:** \$0  
**Profit:** \$250

**Upcoming Events:**

**Name of Event:** Racing Shell Rowing Clinic @ Lake Merced  
**Description:** SERC members only, limited spaces available, pre-registration required  
**Date:** 8/24/08  
**Event Contact:** Diane Davis, Paul Nordquist  
**Number of Participants:** 8  
**Entry Fee:** \$25  
**Estimated Total Revenues:** \$200  
**Estimated Total Expenses:** \$0  
**Estimated Profit:** \$200

**Name of Event:** 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Bridge To Bridge Regatta  
**Description:** Rowing Regatta for SERC members and public rowers  
**Date:** 9//14/08  
**Event Chair:** Diane Davis, Paul Nordquist  
**Number of Participants:** 45 estimated  
**Entry Fee:** \*  
**Total Revenues:** \*  
**Total Expenses:** \*  
**Profit:** \*

\*Event revenues/fees yet to be determined. Expenses will be calculated to cover the expenses of meal and no profit sought.

**Other Developments:**

Replacement parts for wooden boats; seats, rails, oarlocks, foot straps, etc.; approximate cost of \$1000

By: Paul Nordquist  
Rowing Commissioner

End Rowing Club  
Commissioner Report ?  
Swimming/Running/Rowing/Handball/Entertainment  
SERC Board Meeting of August, 2008

Events Since Last Meeting:

Name of Event: Boitano Cup/Practice Dipsea  
Description: Annual Dipsea Trail Run, organized by DSE Runners  
Date: June 1, 2008  
Event Chair: Keith Nowell  
Number of Participants: approximately 4-5      SERC members  
Entry Fee: paid to DSE Runners  
Total Revenues:  
Total Expenses:  
Profit: 0

Upcoming Events:

Name of Event: Plate-to-Plate 5k Run/Walk  
Description: a benefit for Project Open Hand  
Date: August 24, 2008  
Event Chair: Paul Weiss  
Number of Participants: approximately 30 SERC members  
Entry Fee: paid to Project Open Hand  
Estimated Total Revenues:  
Estimated Total Expenses:  
Estimated Profit: 0

Name of Event:  
Description: Annual Training Run/Hike on the Dipsea Trail  
Date: Sunday, August 31, 2008  
Event Chair: Susan Herder  
Number of Participants: 10 - 15  
Entry Fee: 0  
Total Revenues: 0  
Total Expenses: 0  
Profit: 0

By: Susan Herder  
Running Commissioner

South End Rowing Club

Swim Commissioner Report

SERC Board Meeting of August 13, 2008

Events Since Last Meeting:

Name of Event: Evening Gas House Swim

Date: July 11

Event Chair: Rafe

Number of Participants: 75

Entry Fee: 15

Total Revenues: 1,030.00

Total Expenses: 671.15

Profit: 358.85

Name of Event: Festival of The Sail Swim Race vs. Dolphin Club

Date: July 26

Event Chair: Tom Paoli

Number of Participants: 50

Entry Fee: 0

Total Revenues: 0

Total Expenses: 0

Profit: 0

Name of Event: Over 50 GGB swim (Dolphin Club invited)

Date: July 27

Event Chair: Bill Wygant

Number of Participants: 82

Entry Fee: 25

Total Revenues: 2010

Total Expenses: 1900 (est., Rafe's receipts not in yet)

Profit: 110 (est.)

Name of Event: Rower's Alcatraz

Date: Aug 9

Event Chair: Anna Sojourner

Number of Participants: 12 (est)

Entry Fee: 0

Total Revenues: 0

Total Expenses: 0

Profit:0

Name of Event: GGB swim

Date: Aug 10

Event Chair: Tom Paoli

Number of Participants: 120 (estimate)

Entry Fee: 30 (includes t-shirt)

Total Revenues: 3815 estimate

Total Expenses: 3815 estimate

Profit: 0 (estimate)

Upcoming Events:

Name of Event: RTA round trip Alcatraz "nutcracker"

Date: September 6

Event Chair:

Number of Participants:

Entry Fee:

Estimated Total Revenues:

Estimated Total Expenses:

Estimated Profit:

Name of Event: Crissy Field

Date: September 13

Event Chair:

Number of Participants:

Entry Fee:

Estimated Total Revenues:

Estimated Total Expenses:

Estimated Profit:

Other Developments:

Equipment update

All 4 Honda zodiac engines are scheduled to received maintenance (it was supposed to happen 8/7, but didn't - cost of \$1100 (estimate)

This was the first maintenance done since January 2008, when we spent \$1912 for maintenance of all 4 engines and repair of 2 engines (one needed clean-out of water coolant system because of suspected sand clogging the impeller, which apparently can happen if it is run aground; and the second needed adjustment of the tilt mechanism, which is still really sketchy)

Zodiac rental income

February 185

March 116

April 166

May 165

June 370

July -----

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Alcatraz Invitational

volunteer leaders selected

volunteer sign-ups posted by front door; 40 volunteers signed up as of August 8, 2008

swim registration increased to 600

day of race registration for \$150 may be offered depending on no-shows

### Other Swim Program Issues

At this meeting (August 13) I will raise the issue of our zodiac rental policy. Specifically, I have interpreted the existing policy to restrict zodiac rentals to training swims. In order to promote and enhance the swim program by helping members achieve personal goals such as the English Channel, Trans Tahoe, Catalina Island, etc., we subsidize from the general membership fund the cost of operating the zodiacs (purchase, maintenance and repair, and fuel) for training swims by only charging \$25 for the first hour, and \$10 for each hour thereafter. Based on the cost of operating the zodiacs last year, I believe this charge is less than the actual cost to the club of operating the zodiacs. Some members want to rent the zodiacs to do private swims just for the fun of it, what I call "joy rides." And some members want to use the zodiacs without charge to support philanthropic/charitable events. I believe it is wrong to subsidize these rentals with membership funds (i.e.; for the general membership to partially pay for it), and I have suggested that to be fair, members wanting to rent the zodiacs for joy rides or charities should pay the actual cost to the club, which should include the value of our volunteer time to keep the fleet afloat (so far nobody has taken me up on it, and anyway I don't know what our actual cost per hour is). I do know from a recent e-mail from a knowledgeable member that the cost of renting 2 "safety boats" to use in place of the zodiacs for a swim is "at least \$150/hr." On Wednesday I will ask the board for guidance, and I encourage all members who have an interest in this issue to attend the meeting on and be heard.

By: Tom Paoli

2008 Swim Commissioner