

South End Rowing Club Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 2009 — 6:00 P.M.
500 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Peter Ross, President	Owen Mehegan, Rowing Commissioner
Paul Nordquist, Gym Commissioner	Susan Herder, Running Commissioner
Darrin Connolly, Swim Commissioner	Pauline Yeckley, Director at Large
Kim Howard, Director at Large	Bill Wygant, Past President
Joe Czech, Director at Large	Ray Zahnd, Building Commissioner
Trudy DiLorenzo, Membership	Dan McLaughlin, Boat House Captain
Kim Pross, Office Manager	Jessica Gammell, Director at Large
Tom Wilhelm	Rafe Goorwitch

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved the minutes of the April meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER REPORTS

The Board approved the commissioner reports.

A. There was a brief discussion of the Swim Commissioner's Report regarding zodiac motor repair. Darrin noted that the SERC is not currently on a regular repair schedule for zodiac motor repair. There was some discussion regarding the merits of a regular maintenance schedule and the benefits of repairing the motors vs. their age. Dan McLaughlin and Darrin plan to re-establish a record of zodiac usage and maintenance.

V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION MATTERS

A. Joe Czech was acknowledged as a new Director at Large (replacing Mike Alvarez). Joe was approved by email vote of the Board.

B. **Peter** reminded the Board that the North American Society of Ocean Historians (Bob Barde) would be coming to the club on May 16th. The Board approved the purchase of refreshments for the visitors.

C. The Board discussed having a work party at the Club on July 4th. Ray and Rafe will work on identifying some of the potential projects and posting a sign-up sheet.

D. The remainder of the meeting focused on the May 6th membership meeting.

Peter distributed a list of comments and highlights from the meeting. See attached. Peter reviewed the major areas of discussion with particular focus on the coordination of volunteers.

Kim Howard agreed to head up the process of developing a coordinated and comprehensive approach to the recruitment and acknowledgement of volunteers at the South End. Jessica Gammell agreed to assist Kim.

There also was discussion with respect to the preservation of old photographs at the Club. Historical societies or the library may be willing to assist the South End, but they will generally require ownership of the actual photograph. Rafe has already performed initial research in this area and will arrange for a presentation to be made to the Board with respect to the process and costs. One general issue to be considered is whether the actual photograph or the image which has value to the Club.

VI. Adjournment 7:41 PM

SERC Characteristics

- History
- Character
- Sense of Community/Family
 - Comraderie
 - Non-judgmental
 - Non-hierarchical
 - Diversity and Inclusivity
- Volunteerism
 - Autonomy/Self-directed
- Loose structure/Freedom
- Affordability
- Spirit
 - Enthusiastic members
 - Spirit among women members
 - Adventurousness
 - Opportunity to participate

Areas to Address

- More rules/enforcement
 - By laws
 - Dues
 - Disorderly conduct
 - Sleeping at SERC
- Safety of members
- Better communication

Volunteerism

- Countless volunteer opportunities
 - Programs
 - “Spirit”
 - Board
 - Building/Maintenance
 - Finance
- Challenges
 - Burnout - Most of the work is done by few
 - Continuity of leadership
 - Disincentives (complaints, program cliques, personality clashes)
- Increasing Volunteers
 - Active recruitment
 - Mentoring
 - Communication about opportunities
 - Expectation to volunteer
 - Refresh website
 - Volunteer Commissioner
- Outsourcing
 - Janitorial
 - Financial/bookkeeping
 - Wooden boat refinishing

Facilities - Likes

- Historical Feel
 - Wooden floor and boats
 - Hand-made
 - Photographs
- Views – Day Room, Gym, Men’s Sauna
- Decks/Patios
- Understated/Deceptive Outside
- Nooks and Crannies
- Handball Courts
- Sunlight – Porthole, locker rooms, shower

Facilities – Areas to Address

- General
 - Maintenance
 - Cats/skunks
 - Furniture
 - Lighting
 - Lack of energy efficiency
- Day room
 - Too cold
 - Television
 - Archive room
- Men’s locker room
 - Flooring
 - Paint
 - Suit spinner
 - Sauna bench height
- Women’s locker room
 - Narrow and cramped
 - Locker size
 - Ventilation
 - Low shower heads
- Cookshack – upgrade equipment; acoustics
- Storage space – boats, motors, fuel, boat repair
- Bar Area/Back Stairs
- Patio – overflowing dumpsters, parked cars
- Weight room – small/outdated
- Public Interface
 - Outside lacks curb appeal
 - Bulletin board

**SOUTH END ROWING CLUB
COMMISSIONER REPORT –BOATHOUSE
SERC BOARD MEETING OF 13 MAY, 2009**

Projects Completed Since Last Meeting

Description:

Club Members Involved:

Outside Contractor, if any:

Cost:

On-Going Projects - Status:

Description: Barge Restoration

Club Members Involved:10-12

Outside Contractor, if any:

Estimated Cost:

Upcoming Projects

Description:

Club Members Involved:

Outside Contractor, if any:

Estimated Cost:

Other Developments:

We are moving forward with the rebuilding of the Lawley. Noticeable changes will be made in the next month.

By: Dan McLaughlin
Boathouse Captain

**SOUTH END ROWING CLUB
COMMISSIONER REPORT – BUILDING
SERC BOARD MEETING OF _MAY 13, 2009**

On-Going Projects - Status:

Description: Bi monthly Club Cleaning

Club Members Involved: none

Outside Contractor, if any: Betty's Service

Status: No complaints

On-Going Projects - Status:

Complete Projects

Description: Men's toilet rebuild

Club Members Involved: Me

Outside Contractor, if any:

Estimated Cost: \$13.00

Other Developments:

[describe]

By: R. Zahnd
Building Commissioner

**SOUTH END ROWING CLUB
COMMISSIONER REPORT – MEMBERSHIP
SERC BOARD MEETING OF MAY, 2009**

New Members Since Last Meeting: 8

April 2009

Male: James Abela, Frank Folz III, David Moretz, Michael Woods

Female: Joy Gunderson, Catherine Ivy, Jennifer Valosek, Tina Voight

Total New Members –April -8

Total New Members – Year to Date:

Total SERC Members:

Male

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
Commissioner Report –/Rowing/
SERC Board Meeting of April 8th, 2009**

Events Since Last Meeting:

Name of Event: Wooden boat clinic
Description: Learn to row the wooden boats – open to public
Date: 4/11/09
Event Chair: Owen Mehegan & Dan McLaughlin
Number of Participants: 12
Entry Fee: \$25
Total Revenues: \$300
Total Expenses: \$0
Profit: \$300

Name of Event: New rower group row
Description: Short outside-the-cove row for new rowers
Date: 4/19/09
Event Chair: Owen Mehegan & Dan McLaughlin
Number of Participants: 8
Entry Fee: \$0
Total Revenues: \$0
Total Expenses: \$0
Profit: \$0

Name of Event: Dolphin/South End Friendship Row
Description: Group row of SERC and DC rowers/boats
Date: 5/3/09
Event Chair: Owen Mehegan & Dan McLaughlin
Number of Participants: 7
Entry Fee: \$0
Total Revenues: \$0
Total Expenses: \$0
Profit: \$0

Upcoming Events:

Name of Event: Wooden boat clinic
Description: Learn to row the wooden boats – open to public
Date: 6/7/09
Event Chair: Owen Mehegan & Dan McLaughlin
Number of Participants: 12
Entry Fee: \$25
Estimated Total Revenues: \$300
Estimated Total Expenses: \$0

Estimated Profit: \$300

Other Developments:

None

By: Owen Mehegan
Rowing Commissioner

**South End Rowing Club
Commissioner Report – Swimming
SERC Board Meeting of May 13, 2009**

Events Since Last Meeting:

Name of Event: Pier 7 Club Swim
Description: Swim from Pier 7 to Club
Date: April 18, 2009
Event Chair: Susan Petro
Number of Participants: 46
Entry Fee: \$10
Total Revenues: \$460
Total Expenses: \$460
Profit: 0

Name of Event:
Description: Round Trip Alcatraz Long Swim
Date: April 19, 2009
Event Chair: Bill Wygant, Joe Butler, Diana Shuster
Number of Participants:
Entry Fee: 0
Total Revenues: 0
Total Expenses: 0
Profit: 0

Upcoming Events:

Name of Event: Kirby Cove Club Swim
Description: Swim from Kirby Cove to Club
Date: May 23, 2009
Event Chair:
Number of Participants:
Entry Fee:
Estimated Total Revenues:
Estimated Total Expenses:
Estimated Profit:

Other Developments:

Motor #4 repaired and motors 1, 2 and 3 serviced.
By: Darrin Connolly,
Swim Commissioner