

**South End Rowing Club
Board of Directors Meeting**
500 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

MINUTES
September 8, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker

Neil Hrushowy, PhD – SF Planning Dept

The San Francisco planning department gave a detailed presentation on the “Public Realm” Plan for the Fisherman’s Wharf District. Ken Coren, President of the Dolphin Club and Kevin Carroll, Executive Director of Fisherman’s Wharf Community Benefit District also attended this presentation at our invitation.

This plan has been in the works for over the past two and one half years, during which time the San Francisco Planning Department has worked with the community to develop public realm improvements to the area. The Public Realm Draft Plan calls for the redesign of Jefferson Street, improvements to open spaces from Pier 35 to Aquatic Park, design guidelines for new buildings, and a new dynamic parking wayfinding signage. The plan emphasizes improving the quality of pedestrian areas to make the Wharf more attractive to all visitors. The Planning Department is still receiving public comments and will be incorporating these comments into the final draft plan, which will be released in the late fall, 2010.

Currently, the Plan stops at Hyde Street, and does not encompass the portion of Jefferson Street in front of the South End and Dolphin Club. Nonetheless, the plan potentially affects the South End in terms of parking on Jefferson Street, noise and water quality (if debris falls into the Bay). Neil is aware of these impacts and has pledged to work with the Clubs to address them.

More information about this project is available at the following web address: http://www.sf-planning.org/ftp/CDG/CDG_fishermans_wharf.html If you have any constructive comments, please contact Kim Peinado or Peter Ross.

II. ROLL CALL

Kim Howard, President

Joe Czech, Treasurer

Robin Kincade, Director at Large

Trudy DiLorenzo, Membership Commissioner

Dan McLaughlin, Boat House Captain

Kim Pross, Office Manager

Peter Ross, Past President

Stephanie Gerk, Secretary

Various Member Guests

Tom Carlson, Vice President

Tony Ragusin, Handball Commissioner

Jessica Gammell, Director at Large

Owen Mehegan, Rowing Commissioner

Jim Bock, Entertainment Commissioner

Tom Wilhelm, Running Commissioner

Ray Zahnd, Building Commissioner

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved the minutes of the June and August meeting.

IV. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- A. **Joe Czech** reports the annual audit went well and nothing unexpected popped up. With interest we will need pay off the building loan in 5 years. We have about 200K in cash which is less than what we should have. We depreciate 100K every year but we don’t actually put money in a fund to build, we dip into building fund to pay bills. Perhaps at the end of the year we should have a board assessment meeting to discuss increasing revenue (dues) and ask for more monetary donations for the building fund.
- B. **Dan McLaughlin/Peter Ross/Ray Zahnd** think a presentation to board on building

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committee updates can happen next month.

- C. **Tom Wilhelm** reported no highlights.
- D. **Jim Bock** reported 3 rentals pending/reserved. He installed a new stereo in the bar.
- E. **Owen Mehegan** reported last rowing clinic is this weekend. He and Dan are drumming up support to pilot the Invitational. Relayed request from Diane Davis that the SF Rowing Club at the lake has offered a discounted rate of \$200 for one guest membership. Kim H suggested asking the 20 members who use the lake pitch in \$20 each instead of the whole club paying the \$200. No decision was made; tabled this for now.
- F. **Tony Ragusin** reported that the father/son tournament was a success. Handicapped tournament for SERC/Dolphins this month.
- G. **Dan McLaughlin** reported a partial re-varnish on the Hurley and new foot stretchers.

V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION MATTERS

- A. **All Upcoming Events** Kim H gave a run through of all the club events coming up in the next 3 months.
 - **Rowing clinic Sept 12**
 - **Alcatraz Invitational Sept 18**
 - **Bridge to Bridge Regatta Sept 19**
 - **Club Alcatraz Sept 26**
 - **Board Meeting Oct 13**
 - **SE v Dolphin Tri Oct 23**
 - **Club Pier 39 Oct 31**
 - **Boat Night Every Thursday**
 - **Happy Hour Every other Friday**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:15 PM.