

RiversWest Board Meeting 12/7/09:

Attendees: Jim Litton, Peter Wilcox, Steve Najjar, Steve Mahoney, Alan Hoag, John Whitehouse, John Bouwsma, Curtis Sluyter, Jenny Jecmen, Stu Whitcomb, Chuck Stuckey

Minutes:

1. Secretary's Report: John Bouwsma
 - a. Web site
 - i. Now up to date, thanks to Randy Torgerson
 - ii. Meeting held with John B, Randy, and Bill Mercer
 1. Randy to manage the mechanics of the site
 2. John B to be responsible board member on committee
 3. Bill to help out as needed, mostly with content
 4. John and Bill shown how to update the site
 5. Photo Gallery added, with photos of the turning of the Hall Templeton
 6. Current 3 entries on the site will show, the rest are automatically archived by month
 7. Request for John to send out e-blast requesting more photos to the photo gallery, and links to member's sites showing their boats, either completed or in process
 - b. Mailing list
 - i. John B and John W working together on getting it updated, now 95% done
 - ii. Mailing list will be kept separate from John's Quick Books database, and stored on a web site only accessible to board members
 - iii. John B will document a process for keeping it updated, and publish to the board, and post on the web site
2. Publicity committee: Stu Whitcomb
 - a. Approvals unanimously agreed for these Portland Boat Show expenses

i. Booth	Free	Approved
ii. Parking Passes	\$60	Approved
iii. Newsletter	\$285	Approved
iv. Mem cards	\$23	Approved
v. Brochures	\$80	Approved
 - b. E-blast needed (John B) for boats and volunteers for the show
3. Treasurer's Report: John Whitehouse
 - a. Current bank balance is \$3852
 - b. Insurance
 - i. Two quotes received
 1. Joe Benz, Philadelphia Insurance: Current agent, \$3088/yr
 2. Rusty Poehner, Gales Creek: \$3277/yr

- ii. Motion unanimously approved: Peter and Jim to talk to Joe Benz and negotiate for monthly payments and a reduction in Property + Inland marine coverage (\$980 at Philadelphia, \$578 at Gales Creek). Jim and Peter are authorized to accept this policy if they believe it is the best alternative, regardless of the outcome of the negotiations
 - c. Treasurer John Whitehouse will be resigning from the position as of the Annual Meeting
- 4. Education Committee: Alan Hoag
 - a. Paddle workshop planned for Sept 30
 - i. Location: Lucky Lab on Hawthorne, 10:00 AM-Noon
 - ii. Format: panel of 4 experts on different types of paddles:
 - 1. Dragon boats
 - 2. Outrigger canoes
 - 3. Standard canoes
 - 4. Kayaks
 - iii. Possible future expansion:
 - 1. Oars
 - 2. Paddle and oar making classes
 - iv. Attendance is expected to be high, due to the large number of paddlers in this area. Possibly around 100 people
 - v. Publicity needed—posters, contact paddling groups, etc.
- 5. Shop Committee Report: Curtis Sluyter
 - a. All bays are now rented: two are rented to a club to build 5 I550's; the club is trying to establish a one design class in Portland for these boats
 - b. Boat turning could be a commercial activity, but more discussion is needed on how to charge, who to offer the service too, and rules and procedures
 - c. Signs going up on each bay, with name and phone number of builder, and some information about the boat
 - d. Signs still needed stating the rules of the shop
 - e. Rental agreements are ready to be used, will be filed as hard copy by the Treasurer when they are received
- 6. Annual Meeting
 - a. To be held Sat, Jan 30 at the Lucky Lab on Hawthorne, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 - b. Jim to finalize the reservation with Lucky lab
 - c. Need E-blast and to put on calendar (John B)
 - d. Intentions of board members regarding continuing on the board:
 - i. Jim Litton: will continue, will not run as president
 - ii. John Bouwsma: will continue on board and as Secretary
 - iii. John Whitehouse: Will not continue on board, or as Treasurer
 - iv. Stu Whitcomb: will continue on board and as Publicity Committee chair, newsletter writer, and Portland Boat Show Coordinator
 - v. Steve Mahoney: will continue on board and as Librarian, and on Shop Committee

- vi. Curtis Sluyter: will not continue on board
- vii. Steve Najjar: will not continue on board
- viii. Bob Meehan: Not present
- e. Members wishing to join the board:
 - i. Alan Hoag: to be Education Committee chair
 - ii. Russ Smith: to join Shop Committee
 - iii. Chuck Stuckey: responsibilities TBD
 - iv. Julien Khan: to join Shop Committee