



**Sirens Paddling Club
Meeting Notes
January 10, 2010**

Members attending: Marisa, Amy, Alayna, Megan, Jenn, ML, JB, Jayna, Linda, Angie, Laura, Lisa, Shauna, Patch, Kate

Welcome to our newest members! Cam, Kathy

Roster Update (Lisa): Team members updated their information and indicated their preferred form of contact for practice cancellations.

Treasurer Report (Marisa):

For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009...

Total Income: \$7,885 (\$3,275 from dues | \$4,611 from fundraising)

Total Operating Expenses: \$5,964

Net Surplus: \$1,921

Cash Balance: \$5,781

Just a friendly reminder to please pay your dues. If you would like to pay at a later date or pay in smaller increments, just talk to Marisa. ☺

2009 Comment Card Results: Data was collected and presented in 3 very informative pie charts (way to bring the A game this season!). The pie charts outlined both likes and dislikes from last season, as well as our wants for the upcoming season. The feedback was analyzed and resulted in a few minor changes this season:

- a shorter, more intense season with local races only
- higher expectations for attendance (minimum 70%) and a signed commitment letter
- a longer warm-up before getting on the boat, with a mandatory team group run
- video viewing immediately after a taping practice
- more social opportunities off the water
- Jen Ellis will not be calling this season, team members will again take turns calling

Revisiting the Mission Statement: Team members revisited the mission statement to determine if it still reflects what we believe as a team, does it define who we are as an organization? Everyone gave their feedback by writing on comment cards, which were collected by Jayna. There was also a question of whether we are required to use the term "amateur" for legal reasons. Stay tuned...

The Sirens Book of Knowledge: The *new* Sirens Book of Knowledge will be a collection of documents, forms, and details for all administrative positions. It will contain position descriptions, duties, and useful hints to help administrators do their job. It will also outline team procedures for board members and contain a "new paddler checklist" for the captain.

The Bylaws: There were a few minor changes made to the Sirens bylaws. The proposed bylaws are now posted online on our Yahoo groups page.

In the next two weeks please go online, read through the proposed bylaws, and vote if you "approve" or "don't approve" the changes.

2010 Sirens Handbook Review: A HUGE thanks to everyone who worked hard to revise the team handbook! ☺ We reviewed:

- The 2010 calendar
 - First important date for your calendar: Recruiting Week! February 1st-7th
- Roster and Race Participation
 - New this season: each member's overall attendance must remain above 70% or that member may not participate in the next race.
 - Each member's overall attendance percentage will be posted via email on the 1st of each month
 - Any non-Siren dragonboat practices will be counted towards attendance
- Dues and Fundraising
 - Annual dues are \$150, payment plans available (talk to Marisa)
- Positions and Committees
 - Brief descriptions of the board of directors, officers, individual administrative positions, skilled leadership positions, and committee positions
- Team Procedures
 - New this season: if you know you are going to miss a practice, you must call and inform the *Captain* at least 2 hours before practice (no more group emailing or calling Jenn) Linda's Phone # is 503-539-8656
 - Each paddler will be informed via their preferred form of contact if practice is cancelled

This is just a very short summary of the major highlights that were discussed. For more details, please read through the team member handbook.

After reviewing the handbook, team members signed a commitment letter/waiver for participation this season.

2010 Elections: In the quickest election in the history of the Sirens Paddling Club ☺ we voted for...

President – Jayna

Vice President – ML

Treasurer – Marisa

Secretary – Lisa

Captain – Linda (Amy & Kate were nominated but respectfully declined)

Head Coach – Jenn (because no one is crazy enough to want her job!!)

Dryland Coordinator – Marisa

Co-Dryland Coordinator – Angie

Board of Directors – Megan, Amy, Laura, Shauna (also nominated: Patch, Alayna, Cam)

Volunteer Positions and Committees:

DSUSA Contact – JB

501c3 Contact – Marisa

Equipment Manager – Kate

Merchandise/Uniform Coordinator – Lisa

Recruiting Coordinator – Laura

Fundraising Committee
Shauna (chair) Kate Linda Laura

Race & Travel Committee
Amy (chair) Marisa Angie Kate Kathy Alayna Jayna (if needed) Megan (if needed)

Social/Volunteering Committee
Megan (chair) Patch ML Angie Kathy Jenn (for the retreat only)

Way to kick off the season ladies!! ☺ See you at Dryland practice on March 8th.