



Sirens Paddling Club
Meeting Notes
November 7, 2009

Members attending: Reka, Jovi, JB, Amy R., Amy S., Angie, Kerry, Jenn, Marisa, ML, Jayna, Megan, Steph, Patch, Linda, Lisa

Comment Cards

Each team member answered two questions on a comment card: (1) What do you like about last season? (2) What can we improve upon for next year?

These cards will be carefully reviewed and suggestions will be considered for the upcoming season. Thanks for your input!

Budget Update (Marisa)

Our total fundraising for last season: \$4,643.55 (wow!! way to go ladies!)

Total cash in the bank: \$5,996.10 (last year's total was \$4,046)

Our total income this year was \$7,948.55 with total expenses equaling \$6,014. Therefore we have a net surplus of \$1,935 carrying over into next season.

Poinsettia Sale (Steph)

Just a reminder to please give Steph all your poinsettia orders and money ASAP. The delivery date has been scheduled for November 22 at 10:00am at Steph's house. Please plan to pick up your plants at that time, thanks!

Looking ahead to our plant sale... new amazingly delicious samplers have been added to the order form this year, including a veggie sampler, a salad sampler, and a new tomato sampler! Yum! A delivery date has not been set yet- stay tuned ☺

Inventory of Sirens Merchandise

Just a reminder to please return any Sirens merchandise you did not pay for (like race jerseys) so it can be inventoried.

We had a "blast from the past" opening up a box of old merchandise. The lava lavas have come a long way!

Becca has the blue tub of current Sirens merchandise. Jovi agreed to get the tub from Becca and collect/store the merchandise until the next meeting where we can hand it off to some other poor sucker ☺. Thanks Jovi!!

ML agreed to send an inventory to Marisa for the treasurer's report. Thanks ML!!

Review of the Sirens Handbook and Bylaws

Jayna will be sending out a draft of the new, improved handbook about 1-2 weeks before the January meeting. At that meeting, we will review and accept the changes to the handbook and bylaws.

If you have any suggestions or concerns that you think should be addressed in the handbook, please email Jayna before November 21.

The new handbook will also include a "New Paddler Orientation Checklist." If you have any suggestions that would have helped you when you joined the Sirens, please email Jayna with your ideas.

New this season: after we accept the changes in the handbook, everyone on the team will be required to sign a commitment letter that holds them accountable to the bylaws and procedures outlined in the handbook.

Expectations for the 2010 Season

It's no secret that last year was a bit of a struggle for the Sirens. As Jayna so eloquently put it, "*we want to avoid that next year.*"

So... there will be a few changes next season:

- Dryland practice will begin the first week in March and last only 1 week. All 3 dryland practices during this week are mandatory.
- The second week of March, we will be on the water.
- The third week of March is Spring Break. No practice.
- During the fourth week of March, we will resume water practice.
- The season will continue through September's Portland race.

Races next season include:

- Vancouver, BC (False Creek)
- Tacoma, WA
- Kent, WA
- Salem, OR
- Portland, OR

It was decided that we will not travel to California this season for a race. Our focus is to do well at *all* of our local races this season and create a strong team. Then we can start looking into away races for the following season.

This season's practice schedule will most likely look the same:

Mondays, Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 (6:45 warm-up, abs until 8:15), Saturdays 9:00-11:00

Looking ahead to our January meeting...

SAVE THE DATE of Sunday, January 10 for our next team meeting at JB's house (thanks JB!). It will begin at 5:00, plan for at least 3 hours. Don't forget your potluck item and your checkbook!

On the agenda: signing up for committees, setting a date for Recruit Week 2010, planning the retreat, voting for board members, reviewing/approving changes to the handbook, paying dues, and signing your commitment letter.

Thank you, Amy, for graciously inviting us into your beautiful home.
See everyone in January! ☺