

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SEA KAYAK CLUB
Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting
October 16, 2018
Sue Hughes house, Longmont, Colorado

Members present: Clark Strickland, David Hustvedt, Sue Hughes, Brian Hunter, Jud Hurd, George Ottenhoff

Members absent: Marlene Pakish (not notified of change in meeting date through communication error), Tim Fletcher, Andy McKenna

1. Minutes of previous meeting had been emailed to all members and approved.
2. Secretary's report: The positions to be filled this year are president, secretary, publications editor, membership coordinator and webmaster. Secretary George Ottenhoff reported that a call for nominations had been sent to all members, and that no responses had been received. The SC made the following nominations:

President — George Ottenhoff

Secretary — to be filled (subsequent to the meeting Dan Downs expressed his willingness to serve as secretary, and the SC agreed by email to nominate him)

Publications Editor — Sue Hughes

Membership Coordinator — Marsha Dougherty

Webmaster — Andy McKenna

Since there are no contested positions, the Secretary will send an announcement to all members, and the election will be by acclamation at the Winter Party/Annual Meeting.

3. Treasurer's Financial Report: Dave Hustvedt presented the balance sheet and the income and expense reports. After discussion it was decided to separate the funds donated for safety education into a Safety and Education Fund that will be separate from the General Fund. As amended, the financial report was approved.
4. Onshore Coordinator's Report — Tim Fletcher reported by telephone while stuck in a massive traffic jam. The Winter Party/Annual Meeting will again be held at Atonement Lutheran Church, tentatively on January 26, 2019. Paddle Fest was tentatively scheduled for Roxborough Cove at Chatfield State Park on a Saturday in mid June.
5. There was no Membership Coordinator's report, but the most recent membership roster that Marlene Pakish distributed showed that there approximately 80 members.
6. Publications Editor — Sue Hughes stated that publications are going well, and are coming out regularly. Sue stated that she is working on finding an effective way for all club members to post pictures of club trips that will be available to her and to all members.

7. Safety and Training Coordinator's Report: Brian Hunter reported that rescue training and kayak camping classes were scheduled, but had to be cancelled. A motion was made, seconded and approved to reimburse Brian \$139 for camping reservations he had made for the kayak camping class. Brian said that with Andy McKenna's help he would like to conduct a survey of members to learn what kinds of safety and training classes members might be interested in attending.

The clinic that Wayne Horodowich presented on "The Art of Staying Upright" in July was discussed. Approximately 18 members attended, and spoke highly of it. Brian was directed to contact Wayne in an effort to schedule another clinic next summer. The possibility of offering partial scholarships from the Safety and Education Fund to Club members to attend the clinic was discussed. A decision was made that participants must register and pay for the clinic in advance, and that the Club will handle the funds.

Brian presented a proposed "Trip Description Levels" for discussion. The purpose is to assign a difficulty rating to paddling trips to assist potential participants in assessing whether they have the skills required for the trip, and to inform them of what to expect on the trip. A number of comments were offered, and it was decided to post the document on the RMSKC website for comment and suggested revisions by members.

The benefit of presenting a class on first aid for minor injuries that might be encountered on a kayak trip was discussed. EMT Dave Hustvedt offered to conduct such a first aid class on a Saturday, possibly in February.

The SC also considered again presenting a basic navigation class.

8. Paddle Coordinator's Report: Jud Hurd stated that Clark Strickland talked with a member of the Houston Area Sea Kayakers, and discussed with him the possibility of a joint trip to the Houston/Galveston area next spring. Jud will follow up and try to arrange that trip.

Other trips for 2019 were discussed:

Sue will lead the traditional Mud Hen Classic at Lake McIntosh on the 4th Saturday in April.

Jud plans to lead a trip to Pueblo Reservoir in spring/early summer.

Dave will lead the traditional opening day paddle at Gross Reservoir on Memorial Day weekend.

Jud is planning to lead a trip on the north side of Big Horn Reservoir, Wyoming in June.

Dave is working on a trip to Glacier Bay, Alaska in the last 2 weeks of June.

Sue and Dave will lead second Tuesday paddles on Lake McIntosh

Clark will arrange mid-week mid-day (10 or 11 a.m.) 4th Tuesday paddle outings at Chatfield Reservoir.

Tim is planning an overnight trip on the Colorado River from Loma to Westwater.

Sue will lead a full-moon paddle at Cherry Creek Reservoir in July.

Clark is planning a trip to the Hudson River Valley in New York, and Connecticut during the first week in October.

9. Outgoing President Clark Strickland thanked the members of the Steering Committee for their service, and told them how much he had enjoyed working with each of them and the group as a whole during the past 4 years. The members of the Steering Committee thanked Clark for his outstanding work and leadership as president.

10. The meeting was adjourned.