

Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club
Minutes of Steering Committee
December 9, 2020

Present: George Ottenhoff, President
Clark Strickland, Secretary
Tim Fletcher, Onshore Coordinator
Brian Hunter
Sandy Carlsen, Paddle Coordinator
Jim Dlouhy, safety and Instruction
Dave Hustvedt, Treasurer
Marsha Dougherty, Membership
Sue Hughes, Publications editor
Karen Dlouhy, RSKC member, invited guest

Absent: Andy McKenna, Webmaster

President George Ottenhoff called the ZOOM meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

George described an e-mail scam going around trying to get members to buy gift cards for veterans. George will send an e-mail to members warning people about the scam.

Dave shared the bank statement through November. The account has no changes through December. Received money from contributions and sales and sent reimbursement for ACA and stickers. Dave has broken out the safety and education fund, so that the general fund shows a decrease. Proceeds from donated items go to the Safety and Education Fund. ACA has been paid through November 2021. Accepted as presented.

George reported on his call for nominations. Sandy will serve the remainder of Jud's term as Paddle Coordinator. Clark will serve as Secretary. Sue moved acceptance of the slate; seconded by Marsha and adopted unanimously.

Membership Coordinator will check on members who have not paid dues or who are not current with ACA. She will update the ACA membership procedures on the RMSKC website.

ACA has increased dues to \$40 per person from \$25 per person. Will this cause members to drop out from ACA or not want to sign up with ACA if they are interested in joining RMSKC? Marsha suggests that we have 2 classes of members: corresponding members (who do not paddle) and regular members. What is the benefit of ACA? Insurance. Has there ever been a claim? Is insurance worth it? Paddle America Club status requires reporting to ACA. RMSKC cannot be an ACA organization if we let non-ACA members participate. Jim invited Karen, an insurance industry professional, to join the meeting. Karen

talked about the damages in an insurance claim often being of less concern than the legal cost of defense or pursuing the claim.

Clark will get a copy of the ACA policy. George will check with Karen's K & K insurance supplier.

Sue suggested a waiver of club dues for a year. 28 new members joined in 2020, but many did not paddle. It would be generous to waive 2021 membership. Sandy noted that we did have activities in 2020; people can paddle if they like. Marsha observed that it is better to stay consistent year to year; Dave agrees. The matter is tabled.

Steering Committee will meet in by ZOOM in January to discuss ACA further.

Marsha posed a membership roster question: should there be 2 RMSKC rosters, one of ACA members (and thus paddle-eligible) as well as an e-mail list. This proposal is tabled, and no change will be proposed to membership.

Clark will organize a ZOOM annual meeting, probably in February at a time that does not conflict with football playoffs. Non-members are welcome. Sue will send a PowerPoint of best paddles; this slide show might be the content of the ZOOM Annual Supper Meeting.

Onshore Coordinator Tim suggested that this might be a good year to skip Paddlefest. Agreed.

Publications Editor Sue is re-organizing the presentation on 2020 activities to show that RMSKC has a distinguished history of exciting events.

Instruction and Safety Jim complimented Sue for the draft publication. Brian and Jim do not expect pool to be open. Pool sessions were good early in 2020 at building skills, but COVID-19 cut the season short. Jim paddled a lot, and there were private activities in great abundance. Hope that we can do more activities in 2020. More wind and wave paddling would be good if we can arrange for that. Brian suggests that it might be good to have more ZOOM training in February and March. Jim asks for suggestions.

Brian and Jim asked if RMSKC should require proof of vaccinations. The SC agreed to wait on this until more is known about the effect of the COVID-19 vaccine. Several SC members suggested that we should concentrate more on rescues, especially in wind and waves. Marsha suggested that we practice rafting up in wind and waves to note that technique for safely withstanding a blow. We should practice complex scenarios.

President Ottenhoff noted that any RMSKC members can attend SC meetings, so perhaps we should publicize them.

The Paddle Coordinator asked about potential trips for 2021. 2 daytime paddles per month at Chatfield and an evening paddle at McIntosh will be on the calendar. Teton activity as a group activity is planned in July. Sue will explore a houseboat trip during the 3rd week in September. Dave is thinking of 2 trips to Alaska. Tim will plan a Canyonlands trip in August or September.

George adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.