

CPC Annual Meeting

January 14th 2023

Attendance: Jill Norman, Jenna, Clayton, Andrea, Lisa Parr-Smith, Cairo, Pam, Deb Carson, David Lycke, Billy Lempesis (VP), Steve Connor (Pres), Alice Bova, Kristina, Jackie Kuc, Karen Morgan (Tres), Anna Aufdenkampe (Sec)

6:00pm call to order by Steve - President

Introduced the current board members.

Presented gift to Jackie for serving as previous year president

New club model; now is member driven club from board run. Members are empowered to make choices of races, fundraising, social events, volunteerism, or anything that would involve members and benefit the club and its community.

Members encouraged to participate in the club through committees. Emphasized importance of all member participation. Committee sign-up sheets were passed around for all to select. Please contact any board member to see where you can serve.

Year in Review: Coming out of Covid days and getting back to regular practices, Gold medal in Beaufort, and Silver medal by OC-6 in Wrightsville, club is financially independent as club bought out the assets from the owners group and is now self-sufficient.

A special thank you to Roger for facilitating loan and William for working with us on flexible payment plan for green OC-6.

Karen – Treasurer

States \$17,000 currently in the bank, acquired a loan for OC-6 paying \$6,000 per year plus quarterly interest.

Annual expenses and income were \$40,000 and \$49,000.

Encouraged online merchant sales as club gets a portion of proceeds. Also, Amazon Smile provides proceeds of selected items purchased.

E-waivers are now available on the club website.

<https://form.jotform.com/Prmwaivers/charleston-paddle-club-waiver>

Steve – Announced open position on the board for Member-at-Large. Melissa Goodrich stepping down.

Clayton was nominated and no other interest. Motion passed to close nominations, and all voted to accept him onto the board.

Billy and Steve will swap positions. At the close of this meeting, Steve will become VP and Billy will become President. All approved.

Paddles Up award is for the member who steps up to advance the club effort. First annual award was presented to Karen Morgan.

Billy – Year Ahead 2023: more involvement of coaching and standardize stroke to A-Frame.

Club needs more trained steers people on the team. If interested, talk to Billy or Anna for dragon boat and Clayton for OC. There will be designated practices for steer training.

New Open Paddle of all watercrafts at different locations. Will post details on Meet Up for members to sign up. i.e. kayak, OC, SUP

Anna & Krista in charge of dragon boat practices. Anna to coach & steer Monday evening practices. Krista will designate another day (tentatively Thursday evening) to coach practice.

Clayton will schedule and run OC-6 practices on Meet Up. Steers training will be offered on OC-6.

Cairo will offer high-intensity training on Sunday afternoons. (time TBD) Schedule to be posted on Meet Up.

Steve – Community service is required and important as a 501c3 non-profit organization. Volunteer opportunities will be posted on Meet Up. Members encouraged to participate.

One opportunity from the City of Charleston is collecting fishing line from 4 locations. Individual members volunteered to pick up at locations near their home. Collect and give to Steve & he will take to the city. Project is called Keep Charleston Beautiful. <https://www.charleston-sc.gov/>

Fundraising event coming up soon at a restaurant for member/friends/family social with an auction taking place. All encouraged to attend and spread the word.

If a member is interested in racing at a certain event/location, contact any board member for assistance.

Open floor to questions:

Clayton asked about River Clean Up. This will be a future opportunity for the club to volunteer.

No other questions.

Motion to adjourn, Steve, Karen, 2nd.

Close 6:25pm