

Oceanside Outrigger Canoe Club Board Minutes  
Zoom Video Meeting  
Approved  
April 7, 2021 – 6:00 pm

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jan O'Reilly – President A  
Tim Silverthorn – Vice President P  
Pat McArdle – Secretary P  
Julie Majkrzak – Treasurer P  
Andrea Souther – Fundraising Director P  
Renee Oliver – Communications Director P  
Stacy Powell – Recreational Director P  
Richard Lai Fatt – Recruiting Director P  
Jay Robnett – Race Director P

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm

Motion to approve last month's minutes: Approved - unanimous

Audience Attending: None

1. VICE PRESIDENT: Tim Silverthorn

- A. Tim will continue repairing current broken OC-1 stands and plans to build 20 more.
- B. He will also continue rigging canoes.
- C. Eric discovered that the shrink wrap on our OC-6 canoes was not totally waterproof, leaving standing water inside which led to some damage to the iakos stored within them. Allie Paddy and Sheriff Bob have volunteered to refinish them so we can re-rig those canoes.
- D. The two canoes that were watertight are rigged.

2. SECRETARY: Pat McArdle

- A. Update on OCCC insurance coverage: Our new policy is active. Julie has received the invoice. The premium is \$4,782/year. The directors/officers' liability coverage has been written with a \$1,000,000 each claim/\$1,000,000 aggregate limit of liability. Our deductible is \$5,000 per claim. Both our limit and deductible will be reduced by defense costs.

3. TREASURER: Julie Majkrzak

- A. Financial update: Account balances as of 4/7/2021.
- B. Checking - \$56,053.69
- C. Money Market - \$19,658.76
- D. Paypal - \$9,322.93
- E. Total: \$85,035.38

4. FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR: Andrea Souther

- A. Some members have asked for another swag sale at the yard.
- B. The next date for a Blaze fundraiser will be Thursday April 29. 50% of proceed from diners will go to OOC.

5. COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR: Renee Oliver

- A. Working on various communication items with other Board members relative to rack space owners and unpaid rack space and membership fees, updating the website with relevant COVID procedural information, and emails regarding Rec, Racing, and Keiki practices.

6. RECREATION DIRECTOR: Stacy Powell

- A. This year's first rec paddle was a success. Nine paddlers, all vaccinated, participated. One OC-6, one OC-1, and one OC-2 were launched.
- B. The harbor survey boat (*preparing for this year's harbor dredging*) was operational on Tuesday and was obstructed by OC-1 and OC-2 paddlers in mid-channel. Board members are encouraged to spread the word that all paddlers must stay out of the main channel and well away from the survey boat's path since it cannot change course during its sonar readings of the inner and outer harbors.
- C. By-laws concerning requirements for Rec paddlers:
  - i. Stacy requested guidance regarding current members who want to attend Rec paddle but haven't paid their annual dues. (According to Article 4 Section 9: "Club privileges are only available to club members in good standing, as determined by the Club Treasurer. Club privileges include participation in racing and recreational programs... Newcomers paddles (up to four times) are, of course, open to non-club members.")
  - ii. Stacy recommended that the Board establish clear Rec paddle requirements including paid up membership, up-to-date SCORA waivers, and proof of full covid vaccination.
  - iii. At this time **there is no requirement in the by-laws for new members** (*who do not have prior experience/training in outrigger canoe paddling with another club*) **to complete novice training before they can participate in the rec paddle program.** If OOC is going to enforce this requirement, we should amend the by-laws.
  - iv. There are also currently no medical/health standards for Rec paddlers. Since open ocean paddling can be a potentially dangerous sport, Stacy recommends that requirements be considered. If paddlers have completed novice training, they are likely to be in good health, however, some Rec paddlers may continue paddling for many years.

7. RECRUITMENT DIRECTOR: Richard Lai Fatt

- A. If any newcomers are contacting Board members for information, please refer them to Richard.
- B. He currently has 49 newcomers on the waiting list.
- C. In 2019, Richard expected all newcomers to complete novice training. (**Note this is not currently in the by-laws. If we want to make this requirement mandatory, we must amend the by-laws.**)

- D. **Article 10 Section 3** Canoes with “newcomer” paddlers will not proceed past the Oceanside Harbor entrance unless the Newcomers’ Coordinator, his/her designee or a qualified steersman has determined that it is safe.
- E. SCORA release for non-members (i.e., newcomers):
- i. **Article 3 Section 2** “Annually, **no person** shall paddle in a Club canoe without properly executing a SCORA assumption of risk form...”
  - ii. **Article 3 Section 3** “Prospective Club members **may** participate in a paid newcomer course.”
  - iii. Jay reported that SCORA will no longer recognize paper SCORA waivers; all must be filled out online
  - iv. He will look into how other SCORA clubs handle liability for newcomer programs.
  - v. Since newcomers are not registered online with SCORA, the club will have to develop a hard copy Release from Liability form to protect OCCC from potential lawsuits in case of injury by newcomers. (**Our insurance company may be able to provide such a legal waiver document.**)
8. RACE DIRECTOR: Jay Robnett

- A. Coaching: Jan and LG will coach the novices. Richard is willing to be a part-time novice coach.
- B. Outrigger canoe paddling is listed as a high contact sport under California’s COVID-19 regulations.
- C. If paddlers have been fully vaccinated, they do not need to be tested.
- D. Jay (and Charlseal) will have an informational meeting at the yard this Saturday morning with all members who want to begin training.
- E. On-line SCORA registration is mandatory for all club members.
- F. **Proposed General Statement on practice protocols:**

The OCCC Board supports the decision of the State and County to move San Diego County to the Orange Tier status. After a review of the County and State guidelines, and with feedback from our coaches, OCCC will make race practice available to all members beginning the week of April 12, 2021, with the following protocols in place (*These protocols will be effective as long as San Diego County remains in Orange or Yellow Tier status*):

1. All paddlers must provide proof of vaccination, or (*on a weekly basis/72 hours prior to practice*) evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result. Note free tests are available at these sites in North County:  
<https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=54044>
2. All paddlers must wear masks while in the yard or rigging canoes.
3. All paddlers must sanitize their hands upon entering the yard and before rigging canoes.
4. Where possible, paddlers will maintain 6-foot social distancing while on shore.
5. OCCC will conduct COVID symptom self-screening for paddlers before each workout.

6. Paddlers who are feeling sick, have had close contact with a person who has COVID- 19, or have tested positive, must not come to the yard and must inform the OOC coaching staff promptly.
7. Paddlers must complete the online SCORA registration (this includes COVID-specific informed consent language).

The protocols established for our racing practices comply with State and local guidance and are designed to protect the health and safety of our members while also providing an avenue of participation for members willing to follow the protocols. The decision to paddle in OC-6 canoes must remain a personal one. Note that aside from testing requirements based on vaccination status, all paddlers must follow the same rules. Our philosophy as a club should always reflect our belief in shared experience and ohana.##

Motion to adjourn: Approved:

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia McArdle, Secretary