

Recreational Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 10/12/2016 4:10 PM | Meeting location EQ Lounge

IN ATTENDANCE: KIMBERLY CLOW(KC), LINDA RICKETTS(LR), DEBBIE PAPAC(DP), JIM CARMICHAEL(JC), MATT BRYANT(MB), KATHY OSTREM(KO).

GENERAL MANAGER BVSA: CHERAMY KRUEGER(CK)

BOARD DIRECTOR BVSA: JULIA STAVLO(JS)

RULES BOARD BVSA: JEANNE GRAY(JG)

ABSENT: GARY ADAMS, SCOTT MILTON

Meeting called to order 4:10 PM by 'Chair Kimberly Clow

Approval of Agenda – October 12, 2016. Approved without exception – 1st Matt Bryant 2nd Kimberly Clow

Approval of E-Minutes – September 7, 2016. Passed verbal vote without exception 1st Jeanne Gray 2nd Matt Bryant

COMMITTEE REPORT

POOL

Kimberly Clow

- A. We had a total of 57 folks at our New Member Orientations for Off Season BVS Aquatics group. Current active Off Season members did not need to attend, just sign a 2016-2017 Liability form and agreement comply with the BVSA Pool rules and Procedures.
- B. For the BVSA, a few of us propose that we change the hours after Labor Day next year. Beginning Tuesday Sept 5th, Lifeguards at pool 8am through aerobics, Monday through Friday. On Sat and Sunday for the following 4 weekends of September 8AM to 8PM, with lap swim 8-10am. There would be no lifeguards on duty in the afternoons or evenings during the week. Many times when there were 3 kids working, they would be in the life guard office talking or watching videos.
- C. RAC recommended the purchase of Digital Thermostat and winterized self- locking gate at pool entrance.
- D. BVSA Members exiting the restaurant and saloon (door going to the pool area) are leaving door unlocked as they leave.
- E. Pool season is over September 30th. All furniture is stacked away and the office cleaned.
- F. New computer was purchased for the office. All programs, practices, etc. have been entered.
- G. Leaf fence was put up by maintenance.

PICKLEBALL(PB)/TENNIS(OTTC)

Linda Ricketts

- A. Oak Tree Tennis Club(OTTC) had a fundraiser. Garage Sale October 8th. They made \$742.00
- B. OTTC had their Retro Tournament. Everyone had to play with wood rackets and wear white. OTTC furnished all the food. Pictures next month.
- C. PB/OTTC volunteers painted all of the deck and most of the stairs. Repairs need to be made to the stair supports.
- D. Everyone had such a good time at the last PICKLEBALL/OTTC fundraiser they are having another October 15th. BBQ will follow.
- E. REC booklet information from clubs turn in by the end of the month.

- A. Basketball is going well. All the teams are really close. We have already had the first over-time game this past Saturday.
- B. Hockey sign-ups will start middle of the month and will go to December 1st. There will be a 10 day early-bird fee period, then a period of regular fee, and the last week will late registration.
- C. Due to the lack or coaches I have been asked to fill in for the 17U basketball. Incentive - Coaches kids play for free but pay for their Jerseys.
- D. Gator being looked at this week to have mechanical repairs estimated.
- E. Joe and I removed the old batting cage net, regraded the area, and filled in with DG. Joe, Jarrett and I hung the new net today 10/5. It will be adjusted after it relaxes. No more water in the batting cage.



WHITING CENTER

Debbie Papac

- A. The WC parking lot is getting repaved.
- B. Update on bathroom tile remodel project. The package is going to the Board this month for approval and awarding the project.
- C. Halloween night has Trick or Treat maps available. Sign up now.
- D. Halloween carnival is on Saturday night Oct. 29th 5:30PM – 8:30PM. \$5.00 for unlimited games.
- E. Free family cartoon type Halloween movie shown on Oct. 30th starting at 6:30PM. Free popcorn & candy. Bounce House sign waivers.
- F. October 22nd 'Get Out and Play Day'. Bike Rides, Poker Nature Path Run/Walk, Paddlefest(paddle boards, canoes, and Kayaks), and various other events.



WEIGHT ROOM

- A. Scott checked price of Olympic 3way Bench \$1999 plus \$200 for delivery and \$250 for assembly Also checking on the Calf machine.
- B. Garrett making sure that members are putting away the weights after use.

- A. Plans for the campgrounds to be updated.
- B. CK working on purchase of Turbidity screens/curtains for lake cattail removal. Cattail and Reeds to be pulled this month.
- C. Rummage sale was a huge success!
- D. Rifle Range still closed for the fire investigation.
- E. Tree Trimming at 4 Island Lake.
- F. Signs are ordered to post—NO ONE ON THE DAM. As written in the rules.
- G. Party's held at the lakes the members are driving on the grass to drop off various items for the party. The vehicles should remain on the black top. This could cause great problems with our sprinkler and irrigation system.

DISCUSSION

- JC suggest that the BVSA get a 'Boot' for RV's parking illegally at Whiting Center Campground. Have an impound fee for RV's at campground and boats left at lake unattended overnight.
- Jeanne Gray sent RAC Article 8 & 9 revisions that have been submitted.
- Jim C had questions on Article 8: Section 801:1(1). It says fishing permits must be secured and displayed above the waist while fishing. How could this be done and who provides it?
- Jim – Article 9: Boat Insurance how would one show proof of insurance?
 - a. Boat owners' papers should be kept on file with home owners' insurance, or additional policy.
- Jim C.- Life Jackets must be Coast Approved? Should, paddleboarders, kayakers, canoes, and boaters wear Life Jacket on the water at all times? Should a waiver be signed?
- CK asked Debbie to check into rules and suggestions.

- A. Here are rule suggestions and background information from Heidi Stone who is one of the major paddleboarders. Debbie:

From: Stone Heidi [mailto:Heidi-Stone@att.net]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 11:08 AM
To: Debbie Papac
Subject: SUP on 4 Island
Good morning, Debbie,

I talked to Rocco at the lake yesterday and we had a discussion about PFD use on Standup Paddleboards. Over the past 4 Summers there has been an increase in SUP riders on 4 Island Lake, so I do believe that it's time to define some safety guidelines before this next season.

The same laws that applied to boats, kayakers and canoes were applied to SUPs by the US Coast Guard in Oct 2008 when they classified them as a "vessel", although SUP boards were not required to be registered. Surfboards have never been classified as such since their use falls within the water zone where the USCG does not consider it to be a vessel, yet surfboards have similar safety considerations to SUPs which are very different from "sit inside" vessels. The intent of the original regulation was to protect passengers if they fell out a vessel in the ocean past the surf line or in deeper waters.

I have personally spoken to Harbor Patrol and lifeguards in many LA and Orange County harbors as well as mountain lakes. Their enforcement varies slightly, but the most recent consensus for SUP riders in "flat water" such as harbors, lakes, calm rivers and along shorelines is to abide by the USCG vessel rule of requiring children 12 years and younger to wear a PFD. Otherwise, these authorities use individual discretion of swim skills of older children and adults. They all agree that a PFD attached to the SUP board is just a carry-over of the sit-in vessel regulation. If you fall off your SUP, then you are separated from your PFD and it's not only useless, but potentially dangerous. The last thing you should do is wrestle the life jacket out from under the bungee straps and put it on (which requires both hands) while treading water while simultaneously trying to secure your SUP from floating away. The safest response

is to simply climb back on the board! Wearing waist belt PFDs has become the standard for SUP events and races, although they do require familiarity and correct positioning to deploy. Though the authorities in some public harbors will require a PFD attached to the board simply due to the existing regulation, efforts are being made to modify the rules specifically for SUP in order to appropriately address safety.

SUP Instructors, professional athletes and associations have wrestled with current laws and what is legitimately safe for over a decade. In some conditions, the laws actually leave a false sense of security and have allowed for unnecessary deaths. Many have concluded that leashes are a superior safety device in order to retrieve the SUP, which is a better floatation device than a PFD. Although, both leashes and PFDs are essential in rough water conditions where the board may get away, or if the water is cold.

For our unique situation in Bear Valley Springs, we first need to define the body of water for 4 Island Lake. Considering that our small, calm, recreational lake is often used for swimming, it easily falls into the “swimming or bathing area” as defined by the USCG and therefore is exempt from the vessel regulations. In comparison, Huntington Beach coast from the shoreline out to the end of the pier is exempt from USCG vessel enforcement.

From the Coast Guard Compass: The first thing to know about stand-up **paddleboarding is that a paddleboard is a vessel when used “beyond the narrow limits of a swimming, surfing or bathing area.” If a paddleboard is used within a designated “swimming, surfing or bathing area,” the Coast Guard does not consider it to be a vessel.**

Although SUPs would be exempt from the USCG regulations on our lake, it would be wise to establish some kind of rules or guidelines for children and unexperienced riders. My personal rule for kids before they're allowed to stand up and go solo: Prove their swim skills. Climb on the board from water that's too deep to stand in. Wear a PFD until they're 13, depending on the water conditions, supervision and skill.

Another thought: considering the increased use of SUPs and other vessels on 4 Island Lake, what do you think about a BV sponsored safety/education event at the lake to cover all forms of basic water and vessel safety? I see newbies out there with backwards paddles and not being “situationally aware” of others on the lake. I'd be glad to participate and teach some basic SUP safety and skills.
HEIDI.

- A. Attached photos of trash and broken glass being left on the islands of 4 Island Lake.



- B. KC -We should follow up with the importance of rules for island control and to encourage the lake patrol by the Rangers with The Boat and its' proposed purchase with a motor/battery.
 - a. LR will look into price of motor/battery.
- C. Heidi, LR and others picked up trash on island and lake while using it. This included not only paper but big floating branches broke off. Heidi has pictures of these branches broken off by members.
- D. KC-A group who are using the lake are requesting that perhaps the islands get weed whacked. This way trash can be picked up and the downed branches and trees can be cut easier and removed.
- E. Maybe a controlled burn by the Fire Dept. and Police Dept. on the islands.
- F. BBQ's should be removed from the islands. EQ Center pulled all their BBQ's.



Meeting adjourned 5:55PM – Next RAC Meeting November 2nd – EQ Lounge 4:00PM

Respectively Submitted by Linda Ricketts – SCRIBE