

Seattle Club SAKE
2009 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2009
7:00 PM, Downtown REI

MINUTES

- 1) Matthew Goossen, Club President, welcomed members to the annual meeting and summarized the agenda for the evening.
- 2) Club Business
 - **New Website and Web Master:** Curtis Lu updated the group on the planned (although delayed) changes to the Club SAKE website, and requested a volunteer to take over the web master role to finish the redesign of the website. Curtis also invited suggestions and feedback from members for their ideas for enhancing the website.
 - **2009 Celebrate Life! Race:** Pam Smith-Mentz and Denise Johnson, TSNW Board members and co-chairs of the 2009 Celebrate Life! Race, highlighted the new partnership with Water's Edge to put on this year's race and explained some of the changes for this year, but noted that there is still a need for volunteers from Club SAKE for coaching and tilling for the community teams, as well as some other volunteer needs on race day (more details to follow). As part of the fundraising aspect of the Celebrating Life! Race, it was noted that a portion of the proceeds from the Beer Garden and Paddlers Party will be going to TSNW.
- 3) Update from the Board—Each Board member provided a brief update on 2008 activities and current projects:
 - **Communications** (Anita Steele): Have gone to a weekly Club News communication that is sent to Captains/ reps; the Club newsletter has gone by the way side, at least for now, since when requested articles from teams, none came in.
 - **Public Relations** (Gordon Hom): Gordon noted some of the activities from last year, including the participation in the Windermere Cup, UW Street Fair, as well as weekly announcements in the PI Get Away section and publishing of a Corporate Sponsorship brochure (but on hold due to bad economy). Projects for 2009 are to improve the new member brochure, finish making the Club SAKE sidewalk sandwich boards for advertising to passers-by, and will be looking ideas for other street fairs/community activities that might be more beneficial to Club awareness/recruiting.
 - **Secretary** (Karin Carmignani): Karin noted that most of her work has been regarding preparing and organizing the Board meeting agendas and Minutes, and that she is working on putting together a master calendar of Club Sake events, races, meetings, and other activities to be available on the website.
 - **Treasurer** (Eric Broberg): Eric provided a summary financial report, noting that the reserves went down some due to some big expenditures (the new boat, paddle purchase, and larger repair projects) and revenues are down (mostly due to a reduction in membership), but the Club still has a healthy reserve (exceeding the target reserve of 1years operating expense, plus boat purchase). Eric noted that the finance report is available to members upon request.

- **Equipment Manager** (Bill Traub): Bill updated on the status of some of the repairs and maintenance in progress to get ready for the new season, and commented that the Board decided not to buy the boat covers as previously planned, but instead will set up a bilge pump system to keep the boats bailed out. He also asked if anyone has any contacts or knows of any inside space that could be used to do boat repairs when needed. (The March 7 work party may need to be cancelled due to the weather).
- **Vice President** (Curtis Lu): Curtis highlighted some of the ad hoc projects he took on, including putting on a Youth Clinic, overseeing Club Merchandise program (with Mika Imori), getting the web site revamped, setting up Facebook for Club Sake, and serving as the liaison for the Seattle race.
- **President** (Matthew Goossen): Matthew reminded members of the very successful Argosy Murder Mystery Cruise Club event and thanked Bill for all the work he put into organizing the event. He also commented on the successful evening and Sunday afternoon paddles over the winter.

4) Q/A from Members

- Question and discussion re: what is the best way for members to be involved in Board discussions? Board will find ways to be more transparent (will post meeting dates on master calendar, will post meeting Minutes on web site; members can request topics/request to be on the agenda) and find ways to involve members (i.e. serve on a committee).

5) Election

Candidates:

Vice President – Dave Mentz, Corinne Srsen

Treasurer – Peyton Gaunt, Saki Tong

Equipment Manager – Hai Tran

The candidates were introduced and provided their platform statements. Following candidate statements, Club SAKE members (members in good standing) cast their votes. The current Board Directors tallied and verified the votes, including proxy and absentee votes. The newly elected directors were as follows:

Vice President – Dave Mentz

Treasurer – Peyton Gaunt

Equipment Manager – Hai Tran

The departing directors, Curtis Lu (Vice President), Eric Broberg (Treasurer), and Bill Traub (Equipment Manager) were thanked for their two years of service on the Board and their many contributions to the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Minutes prepared and signed by Club Secretary