



STROKEWATCH

The official Newsletter of the Bay Area Rowing Club of Houston

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CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

by Robbie Score

The monthly membership meetings will now be held during the fourth week of the month. If the meeting is at Clear Lake Park meeting room, then the meeting will be the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The "social" meetings that are held at local restaurants will be on the fourth Friday of the month. The location of each meeting will be announced in the monthly newsletter. The **January meeting will on Friday, January 28 at a local restaurant.** Notices will be posted in the BARHouse when the exact location is determined!

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

by Carl Smith

BARC's annual membership meeting will be held February 28, in the community room of Clear Lake Park. Annual meetings are required by State statute and by our by-laws of incorporation. The purpose is to provide members with a summary of the previous year's activities, review the financial affairs of the Club, distribute a proposed budget and calendar of activities for the coming year, and elect new officers.

This year the members will be electing a new President, Vice-President, Secretary and two Board members. Paul Lanoux, Chairman of this year's Nominating Committee, has lined up a slate for these offices, to be presented to the Board at January meeting. In this newsletter, Paul will be revealing this list of candidates. If

you have an interest in running for one of these positions, make that interest known to Paul before that meeting. Also, nominations can always be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Over the past five years BARC has developed a very sound organizational structure with well thought out by-laws and membership handbook for governing the Club. We have a stable membership base. We've acquired a respectable fleet of boats (for our Club's age). We've developed some good in-house coaching and coxing expertise. We've negotiated a sound lease agreement with the County. We've constructed two floating docks and BARC HAS A BOATHOUSE! AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD FOR FIVE YEARS!

It's very important that members attend this Annual Business Meeting to demonstrate support for a new slate of Officers and Directors that will lead BARC into it's next phase of growth--that being to expand our fleet of Club-owned boats and to aggressively market our Club for membership growth.

Also, it's important for members to keep in mind we're an all-volunteer organization. The Club's growth will be proportional to the level of active involvement of its members. We need your help. There are positions open that need to be filled. We need an equipment scheduler, a person(s) to work on the maintenance of sculling equipment, and we need two captains for overseeing the maintenance of the two sweeps boats. If you're interested in the

equipment scheduler's position, contact Jeff Tave. If you have an interest in the maintenance of sculling equipment, contact Bruce Meltzer, and, if you're interested in serving as a captain for maintenance of the sweeps boat, call Jim Potter. In summary, these are three areas that are VERY IMPORTANT for maintaining the efficiency and effectiveness of our Club.

1994 BARC OFFICER ELECTIONS

by Paul Lanoux

Elections for the Officers and Directors will be held during the February 28 membership meeting. Positions are filled in two-year terms on a staggered schedule so that only half of the positions are turned over in any given year. The Officers to be elected in 1994 are: President, Secretary, and two of the four Directors.

The outgoing officers volunteered to serve because they cared enough about the future of BARC to invest time and energy in making sure we all would have a club to enjoy. Show them your appreciation by volunteering to share a little bit of the responsibility. The Nominating Committee will be soliciting candidates over the next several weeks. If you are interested in serving, please contact Walter Madden or Paul Lanoux as soon as possible.

The current officers and the known nominees for the 1994 elections are listed below:

President: Carl Smith
term expires: 1994
nominee: Bill Dixon

Vice President: Bill Dixon
term expires: 1995
(Board will appoint replacement in
1994 if Bill is elected President)
nominee: none, so far

Treasurer: Jeff Tave
term expires: 1995

Secretary: Crystal Wengel
term expires: 1994
nominee: Crystal Wengel

Director: Brenda Jamison
term expires: 1994
nominee: Brenda Jamison

Director: Walter Madden
term expires: 1994
nominee: Walter Madden

Director: Fran Lantz
term expires: 1995
(she will resign in 1994 and Board
must appoint a replacement)
nominee: Marc Bonin

Director: Jim Potter
term expires: 1995

DIRECTOR OF EQUIPMENT UTILIZATION POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED

by Jeff Tave

Chris Woelfel has volunteered to take on the position of equipment scheduler. He will run the monthly captains meeting. So if you have any other equipment use and/or scheduling issues, please contact him. Thanks Chris!

MARATHON UPDATE

by Carl Smith

During this past month, Bruce Meltzer was notified by the Natchitoches Rowing Club that he and Ben Newcomb placed second in their category. **THEY WON A SILVER MEDAL!!!!!!** They're setting the stage for other BARCers to follow(?) in their wake.

BARC LIGHTS

by Carl Smith

In the tradition of Philadelphia's boat house row, bright, white lights now silhouette the BARC Boathouse. The lights were donated by Brenda Jamison and they were hung in place by our

"Russian mountain goat" Dimi Rachuk who crisscrossed the boathouse roof. He was assisted by Brad Claire, Brenda Jamison, Fran Lantz, and Carl Smith.

A NEW LAUNCH FOR BARC

by Carl Smith

The Board of Directors has authorized the purchase of an aluminum V-hull boat from Crystal Wengel's grandfather. This is the boat the Club borrowed during Space City Sprints II and III. Also, the Club will be acquiring a brand-new outboard motor and gas tank to be purchased jointly by the Club and the Rice crew. The purchase will enable the Club to have dependable equipment to enhance its coaching program.

ABOUT THE CLUB

The Bay Area Rowing Club of Houston is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sport of rowing in the Houston/Clear Lake area. There are no restrictions for membership. Dues are \$180.00 per year for regular members, \$90.00 for students, and \$270.00 per year for family memberships. Provisions can be made for those interested in rowing, but cannot afford the dues. The club periodically provides rowing instructions to the general public.

The club meets regularly at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Park Office meeting room located at 5001 NASA Road 1. (By the stop light at NASA Road 1 and Clear Lake Park.)

If you are interested in learning more about rowing or the club, call 326-3718.

CLUB OFFICIALS

Officers

President
Carl Smith
482-6245

Vice President
Bill Dixon
480-7513

Treasurer
Jeff Tave
326-5098

Secretary
Crystal Henderson
286-0675

Committees

Boathouse Manager
Mike Meschler
474-4053

Sweep Rowing Development
Vacant

Scull Rowing Development
Bruce Meltzer
280-0231

Sweep Equipment
Vacant

Scull Equipment
Jim Bodmer
554-2782

Membership
Jim Potter
326-3718

Misc.

Equipment Scheduling
Chris Woelfel
286-6514

Safety Officer
Jonathon Wengel
480-7012

Public Relations
Kathy Dixon
480-7513

Newsletter Editor
Robbie Score
286-8650

EVENTS



1/1-31	Sculling Technique Critique Mike Brint 286-2387
1/9	Board Meeting Jim Potter's house 7:30 p.m.
1/28	General Meeting Restaurant TBD
1/29	Try-It-You'll-Like-It 9:00 a.m.
2/13	Board Meeting TBD
2/16	<u>Deadline</u> for submission of articles for the next newsletter
2/28	Annual Membership Meeting Clear Lake Park 7:30
1994	Space City Sprints TBD