

The February meeting of the Lowcountry Paddlers was called to order by president Mike Struve at 7:00 pm with 22 members and 5 visitors present.

**SPEAKER:** Our speaker was Dr. Satomi Kohno, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Ob/Gyn at MUSC. He is also associated with the Hollings Marine Laboratory where he is participating in research into the effects of marine pollution on the reproductive cycles of the American alligator. Dr. Kohno described for us how they collect data on the changes in frequency of successful reproduction and variation in health of baby alligators. Their goal is to determine the long term effects of pollutants such as DDT and other chemicals as well as

**BUSINESS:** Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the newsletter without correction.

Motions offered at our previous meeting which were tabled for investigation were not revisited in the absence of a budget to review.

A motion was presented (in writing) by Ken McDowell as follows:

I move the Low Country Paddlers invest up to \$300 of our 2015/2016 income in a safety and education fund, which funds would be used to subsidize an ACA Trip Leader Training event for a group of up to ten of our members. The two-day event, would be targeted towards members who have little or no trip leading experience, although a few experienced LCP trip leaders should participate to add depth to the experience.

Following a brief discussion, the motion was passed by unanimously vote of all members present.

#### TREASURERS REPORT:

Beginning Bank Balance			\$890.87
Deposits:	Dues, Waivers, Oyster Roast	\$883.00	
Total:			\$1773.87
Disbursements:	Bank Fee	\$7.00	
	Holiday Party	\$222.35	
	Oyster Roast Oysters	\$560.00	
	Oyster Roast Supplies	\$60.00	
	Chili Cookoff	\$31.27	
	ACA Fees	\$55.00	
	Door Prizes	\$100.00	
Total Disbursements			-\$1035.62
			\$738.25
Bank Available Balance		\$925.05	
Outstanding Checks	#1330, 1347	-\$186.80	
Club Balance			\$738.25

#### UPCOMING PADDLES & EVENTS

Sat, Feb 20: Bushy Park Landing up Foster Creek loop trip. About 7 miles, L1  
Trip Leader: Val Larson

Sat, Mar 5: Lake Moultrie Fish Hatchery loop trip. About 7 miles, L1, Trip Leader Michael Condon

Sat, Mar 12: Limehouse Bridge thru Coburg Creek to Wappoo Landing, about 9 miles, Trip Leader Dan Hoke

Respectfully submitted by Rick Leinster, Secretary