

The March meeting of the Lowcountry Paddlers was called to order by president Mike Struve at 7:00 pm with 28 members and 3 visitors present.

SPEAKER: Our speaker was Joshua Hall, CCPRC staff member and coordinator for the Outdoor Festival and East Coast Sea Kayak Symposium. Joshua filled us in on some of the changes for this year's festival. One of the major impacts for us is that we will not be allowed to sell drinks and snacks as we have in the past. We could sell pre-packaged items, but would have to collect and pay sales tax, which was determined to be not worth the effort.

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

An estimate of income and expenses was provided by Treasurer David Goad, but he was unable to attend the meeting to help explain the information. It was decided that we need to refine some of the estimates with actual costs prior to considering an increase in club dues. A decline in paid membership has reduced our available funds, and may necessitate trimming expenses. For the present time a motion was made and approved to eliminate door prizes.

A previous motion to waive dues for currently serving club officers was withdrawn. A suggestion was made to add a budget section to the Treasurers report which will indicate how actual expenses compare to budget estimates.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Beginning Bank Balance			\$738.25
Deposits:			0
Total:			\$738.25
Disbursements:	Bank Fee	\$7.00	
	ACA Fees	\$60.00	
Total Disbursements			-\$67.00
			\$671.25
Bank Available Balance		\$758.05	
Outstanding Checks	#1330	-\$86.80	
Club Balance			\$671.25

UPCOMING PADDLES & EVENTS

Sat, Apr 23: Edisto River and Penny Creek; Willtown Bluff to Penny Creek Landing. About 7 miles. Rating: L1. Trip Leader: TBD

Sun. May 1 Cuckhold Creek Landing to Steel Bridge Landing about 9 miles one way or Loop trip about 18 miles. L1 / L3, Trip Leader Ralph Earhart

Sat, May 7: Garris Landing to south end of Bull Island. About 8 miles. Rating: L1, Trip Leader Leslie Maple

Sat, May 14: Sparkleberry Swamp. About 8 miles. Rating: L1,, Trip Leader TBD

Respectfully submitted by Rick Leinster, Secretary