



BASK | June 2025 Planning Meeting Minutes

The BASK Planning Meeting was hosted on Zoom on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. VP Evelyn Lee called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

I. Attendees

Zoom participants (14):

Brad Findlay
Evelyn Lee
Debbie German
Bob Mellinger
Treve Johnson
Theresa Brigandi
Krista Fechner

Margot Otway
Dwight Brown
Jim Ham
Dennis Meurer
Maureen Meurer
Kathleen Scanlon
Jan Dolzer

II. Review of [May 2025 Planning Meeting Minutes](#)

A. No corrections: minutes were approved.

III. President's report (Brad Findlay, present)

- Next general meeting is June 25th and will be virtual; speakers will talk about circumnavigating the SF Bay by kayak.
- Next in-person meeting is Sunday July 27 in the evening (due to skills clinic activities); venue planning still in process; probably Loch Lomond Yacht Club, starting with a hosted dinner (5:30) and probably 6:30-8:00 for the meeting; speaker will talk about the Marin Islands.

IV. Treasurer's report (Sean Duffy, not present; VP Lee presented on his behalf)

- There is \$19,000 in a 2025 "rainy day fund" not slated to be spent in 2025. Sean proposes investing unused rainy-day funds in an interest-bearing low risk investment, such as Treasury Bills. BASK funds are currently receiving either zero or close to zero interest in a Wells Fargo checking account. Money market account discussed as possible alternative. No one objected to Sean exploring this and Brad, Evelyn, and Jim volunteered to join him on this.

V. Member-at-large report (Theresa Brigandi, present; Eoin O'Donoghue, not present)

- New Member Paddle Program kicked off well with most paddles suggested in 2025 already having an initiator.
- July paddle is Alameda (July 12). A paddle initiator is needed.
- In the preceding 30 days BASK had two New Member paddles.



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- Congratulations given to Theresa and Eoin for the great success so far.

VI. Committee reports

- Safety and Education (Margot Otway, present; & Jenn Fury, not present)
 - Rescue practice on June 22 is filled: Margot is looking for additional coaches
 - Off topic discussion ensued about the [South Sound Traditional Inuit Kayaking Symposium \(SSTIKS\) conference](#) and ways to include non-BASK events somewhere on the BASK calendar.
 - Jim also updated that the Lopez Island July 4th paddle is currently undersubscribed as folks had to drop out. It's an amazing event he reports, so grab a space if you're interested.
- Website/Database (Krista Fechner, present; & Darryl Thomas, not present)
 - Updates are needed to the new member paddle page. Krista and Theresa collaborating on completing this.
- Librarian (Jim Ham, present)
 - For those interested, BASK has a great collection. Check out the library. Take advantage of it.
- Speaker Seeker (Tom Colton, not present)
 - No report.
- Membership (Dwight Brown, present)
 - 700 members.
 - 177 unique participants on at least one waiver this year.
 - 10 new members participated in the latest How to Plan a Bay Paddle program.
 - 9 new members in May.
- BASK Ambassadors (Dwight Brown, present)
 - No report.
- Newsletter (Cris Lewis, not present)
 - No report
- Facebook (Treve Johnson, present)
 - Reporting back on question asked at last Planning Meeting: Should BASK announce virtual BASK General Meetings on Facebook? Current process to do this – an autoresponder -- isn't working currently.
 - Jim suggested using a Google form to collect names and emails. The day before the meeting, those folks could be sent the General Meeting zoom link.
 - Jim and Treve agreed to do further work offline to finalize an approach.



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- BASK Archivist (Kathleen Scanlon, present)
 - *Working to complete this by end of 2025.*
 - *Contains anything legal and historical that is not on the website. This is mainly the minutes that pre-date our practice of posting them on the website, plus old organizational entity documents. Adding paddle waivers.*
 - *Exist in a separate Google Drive; officers have access (if ask Kathleen).*
- New Initiatives (Jim Ferris, not present)
 - *Not present.*

VII. Discussion Topics

- Topic 1: Skills Clinic Update
 - *Events starting on June 29 with the Skills Clinic kayak outfitting day. May be some additional spots in that day's event.*
 - *July 6 is Forward Stroke clinic. May be some additional spots in that day's event.*
 - *Many thanks to the volunteers that have responded so far.*
 - *This year's shirt will be forest green.*
 - *Jenny Zhang will not be able to teach the Surf Clinic as planned.*
- Topic 2: Mendo Madness
 - *More information about activities will be available in July at the general and planning meetings.*
 - *The apparel roll-out is moving along. Discussed option of using the new system of printing logos, etc. on various fabric surfaces to create nice one-off items as "rewards" for the new Paddler of the Month program. It was noted that Mary Ann King may be able to create a design just for that program.*
 - *Organizers will consider offering spots in two days of Rock Gardening 101 and two days of river paddling to the skills clinic students and other attendees. This will enable the new skills clinic folks to split up and meet new people.*
- Topic 3: Projector screen
 - *Borrowed projector for last meeting but had to return it, unexpectedly.*
 - *Brad now will research screen to purchase. 88" is a good size for BASK.*

VIII. New Business:

- *Paddle Planner of the Month program – Brad notes that the SWAG currently on offer was posted on Currents. Brad will consider adding the option of getting a T-Shirt as a reward*



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for the program, in coordination with Kathleen. Will consider asking Marianne to create unique art for the program.

- *Review of Action items (Evelyn):*
 - *Treve and Jim will finalize way for non-members to be able to join BASK General Meetings from Facebook page.*
 - *Brad & Kathleen will make a proposal regarding purchase of a projector.*
 - *Sean, Jim, Brad, Evelyn will come up with a proposal to invest BASK rainy day funds.*

IX. Adjournment at 8:30 pm.