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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

OCTOBER 22 GENERAL MEETING

3 Women, 300 Miles

This is one DVD you do not want to miss! This DVD chronicles the adventures of Julie Munger, Kelley Kalafalich and Rebecca Rusch as they ride 300 miles down life threatening sections of the Colorado River on river boards over a 19 day period.

Both Kelley and Julie have worked for Alaska Discovery.

Kelley has transverse myelitis and the Board has voted to donate \$100 to NTAF Southwest Spinal Cord Injury Program (National Transplant Assistance Fund) which helps people suffering. A bucket will be left on stage to collect no pressure voluntary additional donations that attendees wish to make.

Plan on attending and seeing this exciting journey!

Nellie Juan in living Color!!

Dan Shubert, an active KCK kayaker (and rafter) will share pictures and story of his kayak trip to beautiful Nellie Juan in Prince William Sound this summer. If you want to see what the only white sand beach in PWS looks like and the other neat things, be sure to attend this presentation.

He will also share stories regarding where to find a shipwreck, glaciers, best way to get there, good campsites and one of the largest sandy beach (NOT the white sand beach) I have ever seen.

Interested in having the club help you pay for professional development?

The Board is interested in encouraging people to take leadership roles in club activities as well as promoting safety education. To further those goals the club will pay up to \$100 to those members that take recognized outdoor professional development training. The applicant must approach the Board and the award of the scholarship will be on a case by case basis. Think of this as your chance to help the club and learn something that could save a life!

2009 Calendar

OCT 2009

6..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM
..... BP Energy Center

22 General Membership Meeting,
7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

NOV 2009

19 General Membership Meeting,
Annual Meeting Thanksgiving Potluck
6:30PM, **Russian Jack Park Pavilion**

JAN 2010

7..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM
..... BP Energy Center

28 General Membership Meeting,
7:00PM. **Loussac Library**

NOVEMBER 19 at 6:30PM.

RUSSIAN JACK PARK PAVILLION- Make sure you put that on your calendar! **That is the General Meeting where next years Board is elected and proposed by law changes are voted on (see inside).** The Board is always looking for new Board members and this year is no different. Get involved and help make your club better. The Board meets (generally) on the first Thursday at the BP Energy Center in October, January, February, March and April. Mini meetings are on an as needed basis and will likely be just before the general meeting at Loussac. **The November Meeting is also a POTLUCK.** The club provides turkey, ham and utensils **Bring a side dish!**

Summary of KCK 10/6/09 Board Meeting

- Board members Eric, Sharon, Jim and Luci, along with non Board members Richard, Keith, and Alden attended the meeting.
- Eric indicated reservations for the year were made at the Library. (Editorial comment –Hurrah!!!)
- Much of the meeting was devoted to identifying the topics that would most interest the club members. Keith agreed to make contacts. More topics were developed than could be accomplished this season so it looks like some will have to be invited to speak after summer 2010. Topics included wilderness first aid, stories of water rescue from a water rescue unit, interior river rafting/kayaking, kayaking in the Southeast, kayaking Ketchikan to Juneau, kayaking Price Rupert to Sitka, Dave Sanders of the Federal Park Service for a presentation as well as getting volunteers to help develop hardened campsites in PWS (and elsewhere???), pacrafting, a night of commercial vendors highlighting their trips and services, raft ventures. [Some topics may be excluded- sorry]
- The Board voted to make a \$100 donation to the NTAF. Members will be invited to make (a no pressure) voluntary contribution after the movie shown at the October meeting. Keith viewed the movie 3 Women 300 Miles and indicated it is a superb journey well worth watching and presenting to the club.
- The Board passed a resolution regarding providing scholarships of up to \$100 to members who expressed leadership roles in KCK that take recognized outdoor professional training such as wilderness first aid, Learn to Return, swiftwater rescue. Eric indicated this would encourage people to actively participate and lead in KCK activities such as lead or co-lead classes, trips, etc. It also spreads important safety education, an important club goal. Applicants will have to approach the Board and the Board will vote on each request received.
- The Board voted to eliminate the September, November, May, and June Board meeting. (Some of these meetings, while scheduled, were not convened in the recent past). In the event of a need, the Board thought quick meetings could take place before the General Meeting. Richard indicated he would cancel the reservations at the BP Energy Center for those months.
- The Board endorsed a support letter to the State supporting the Chenega Corp developing hardened campsites on Evans Island. These will be privately owned but available for public use.
- The Board voted changes to the By Laws that will be voted on at the November General Meeting by members.

EDDYLINE

Knik Canoers and Kayakers is an Anchorage-based non-profit volunteer organization with members throughout Alaska and beyond. The club offers information, classes, programs and trips for whitewater and sea kayakers, rafters, pacrafters, and canoeists. The club also promotes and represents the interests of paddle sports in Alaska. NOTE: Some classes are offered by commercial vendors and NOT offered by the KCK.

Eddyline article submissions:
Stories may be submitted to the Eddyline editor: Richard Sepersky at akrichard@gci.net

Display advertising:
Contact Richard S

New Member? Sign up for the Eddylist list server
<http://kck.org/listserver.html> . This is where members share ideas, people ask for partners to go on trips, and where people ask for advice and information. It is a great online communications device.
www.kck.org Also check out http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Ala_ska/
This site has a list of historical emails and other useful information.

Board and Contacts:

President: Eric Downey

VP: Kathy Luchsinger

Treasurer: Sharon Lowe

Secretary: Luci Davis

Other Board members:

- Jim Davis
- Marv Copley

Program Coordinator:

Eric Downey (Info above)

Webmaster:

Marv Copley (Info above)

Non Board Contacts

Membership:

Charlene Carter

Eddyline Editor:

Richard Sepersky

Checkwriter: Alden Worachek

Board Meeting Summary Continued

These changes reduce the minimum size of the Board, institutes a requirement for a membership vote in certain instances on a single expenditure over \$2000 and changes the timing to when the newly elected Board select the club officers to immediately after their election at the November General Meeting.

Alaska Kayak School. Winter Kayaking Skills Courses @ Service High School Pool,

Anchorage: November to April, and starting **November 15:** Youth Kayaking Skills, Basic Skills, Beyond Basics, Sculling: Sculling, Bracing and Rolling, our 8th year of teaching in Alaska pools. **Kokatat Gore-tex dry suits on sale, used Valley and Nigel Dennis sea kayaks, & Werner Paddles - all a great way to spend your Permanent Fund Dividend ! 2010 Sea Kayaking Courses:** Sea Kayaking Skills@ Halibut Cove, ACA Coastal Kayak Instructor Workshop, ACA Day Trip Leader Assessment Course, & Kachemak Bay Sea Kayaking Immersion Skills Symposium.

AlaskaKayakSchool.com, Homer (907) 235-2090

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BY-LAWS OF THE KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS, INC.

Mission: The Knik Canoers and Kayakers, Inc. was formed to promote:

- self-powered navigation of rivers and marine waters in Alaska by canoes, rafts, and kayaks;
- conservation of Alaskan waterways;
- safety on rivers, lakes, and marine waters through training and instruction; and
- assimilation and dissemination of information pertaining to Alaskan waterways.

Membership

- A. Membership shall be open to all persons who support the ideals and objectives of the Knik Canoers and Kayakers and have paid their annual dues as set by the board of directors.
- B. Each regular membership is entitled to one vote and each family membership is entitled to one vote per adult.

Meetings

- A. General Membership Meetings shall be announced to all members for the purposes of developing or formulating policy or furthering the objectives of the club.
- B. Club meetings may be held at any time to further the objectives of the club.
- C. General Membership Meetings will be monthly except December. The November meeting will include Board of Directors election for the following year.
- D. Emergency meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors or by ten (10) percent of the general membership.

Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of five-eleven members elected by the general membership. The board, following the election, will meet and elect officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary).
- B. Election of board members will be by vote of the membership present at the November General Membership Meeting. Written proxy votes are permitted for those members not able to attend that meeting. The Board shall have the power to appoint new Board members or Officers until the next scheduled election in the event there is a vacancy.
- C. A Board member may appoint a KCK member to act as their proxy at a Board meeting for voting and/or to establish a quorum.

Conduct of Business

- A. Policy formulation and decision making shall be conducted at the board meetings.
- B. The agenda for the next Board meeting may be announced at each General Membership Meeting.
- C. A majority of votes of members present (or a majority of board members for a board meeting quorum including Board members represented by Proxy) shall be required to approve all business except that listed below.
- D. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the board shall be required to expel members.
- E. A Board quorum is required to propose amendments to the By-Laws.
- F. Any proposal to spend over \$2,000 for an individual item must be communicated and approved by a majority of the Board with at least 5 Board members voting. If 5 Board members are unable to vote, the proposal must be approved by a majority of the General Membership at the next regularly scheduled general meeting.
- G. Any proposed amendments must be communicated and approved by a majority of the members in attendance at a scheduled General meeting.

Adopted by member vote at the 11/19/2009 General Membership Meeting.

Knik Canoers & Kayakers
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10-09 Membership application		BOATING INTERESTS Indicate skill level w = Want to start, B = Beginner, I = Intermediate, A= Advanced					
		Canoeing	WW Canoeing	Rafting	WW Rafting	Sea Kayaking	WW Kayaking
Name #1							
Name #2							
Name #3							
Name #4							
MEMBERSHIP TYPE: ____ Individual (\$10) ____ Household (\$15) Renewal New Member		<p>WAIVER OF LIABILITY: In consideration of your acceptance of my membership application, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever waive, release and discharge any and all rights, demands, and claims for damages I may have against Knik Canoers & Kayakers, Inc., its representatives, officers, members, board members, sponsors or outing leaders for any and all injuries resulting from my participation in any of the activities of the Knik Canoers & Kayakers, Inc. That I freely and voluntarily assume all risks as incident to participation in any of the club activities and that I will assume and pay for my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. I alone shall be responsible for the use of my own judgment in determining whether I should participate in club activities.</p> <p>Signed Person 1.....Date:..... Signed Person 2.....Date:..... Signed Person 3.....Date:..... Signed Person 4Date:.....</p>					
____ Check if interested in participating in group trips							
Mailing Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____							
____ Check if you do not want your name/phone in annual KCK directory:							
VOLUNTEER INTERESTS Please check areas where you would like to assist KCK: ____ Help with anything ____ Membership database ____ Lead trips ____ Meeting presentation Eddyline newsletter ____ Instruction ____ Help with mailings ____ Safety clinics ____ Write stories/articles							
Mail Form and dues to: Knik Canoers & Kayakers P.O. Box 242861 Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2861		IMPORTANT: Each adult applicant must sign application. A parent/guardian <u>must also sign for each</u> minor. Applications missing any signatures will not be accepted.					