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Calendar

February 2006

- 7 KCK Board Meeting
- NOTE: Feb, March & April Board Meetings will take place at the BP Energy Center which is located just south of the Midtown BP Building. Use the BP Parking lot.
- 16 Deadline for the March Eddyline submissions
- 23 General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, Loussac Library Theater

Coming up in March

- 7 KCK Board Meeting,
- 23 General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, Loussac Library Theater

Coming up in April

- 4 KCK Board Meeting
- 11 Annual Safety Meeting
- 27 General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, Loussac Library Theater

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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

We have an exciting two-part program at our February general membership meeting to get us all thinking about the upcoming paddling season.

Presenter Lois N. Epstein will address *Threats to the Cook Inlet watershed*.

Her discussion will cover oil and gas and coastal development. The status of our local coast including the Port of Anchorage and the Knik Arm bridge and the issues of sewage, municipal discharges and the Cook Inlet belugas will be discussed.

Mike and Lauri De Young, long time Alaskans, avid

whitewater canoers, and dedicated KCK members who will present on *Paddling adventures in the Southwest US*. They will share images from their trips to the Virgin river in Zion NP, the San Juan river in Utah, the Topoc Gorge in Colorado and a recent paddle down the Boquillas Canyon in Big Bend NP in Texas.

Mike has been a professional photographer since 1992 specializing in adventure sports and wildlife. His images have been published in numerous advertisements, catalogs, calendars, and books. He is a regular contributor to Canoe and Kayak Magazine with credit for several cover shots so we are sure to see some amazing photography. Mike and



Lauri also help teach KCK's moving water canoe class in the spring.

Location: Wilda Marsten Theatre

Address: Lower Level Loussac Library 3600 Denali Street

Date: Thursday Feb 23rd 2006

KCK SAFETY MEETING

The 2006 Spring KCK Safety Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm Tuesday April 11th at the Loussac Library.

Attendance at the KCK safety meeting is mandatory for those who wish to participate in one of the spring classes (rafting, canoeing,

kayaking).

Note that sign ups for the Spring Classes will occur the same day and place at 6:00 pm — be there early as they tend to be popular and have filled up in the past.

Marvin Copley is the Safety

Committee Director and is coordinating this year's event. The safety meeting flyer is available at <http://copleyak.tripod.com/flydown.html>

There will be door prizes available

SUMMARY OF KCK BOARD MEETING—FEB 7th

Board meeting attendees reviewed recent accomplishments, including the purchase of a \$15,000 financial CD, the development of an activity calendar, work on various safety booklets, and the club's contribution to the upcoming Alaska Sea Kayaking Symposium.

Kathy Luchsinger provided a report on her recent meetings with the beginner sea kayakers. Lucy Davis plans to organize similar meetings for the beginner rafters and canoers.

Terry Kelly discussed the progress of the website. The site gets approximately 10 hits per day and currently provides the Eddyline newsletter and the president's message, as well as the 2006 membership form. Terry has plans to add more links to the page. Terry is also the club's newest Board member, replacing John Tucker.

Lead instructor training was addressed in the meeting. Lead in-

structors have been identified for the upcoming sea kayaking and rafting classes; leaders for canoeing and moving water canoeing will be confirmed shortly. Club president Kelly Tjaden will look into both of these issues and report back to the Board.

Marvin Copley reported on the current plans for the 2006 Safety Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, at the Loussac Library. Class sign-ups will begin at 6:00 pm and the safety meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Lucy Davis and Kathy Luchsinger will be on hand to assist with the membership table and beginner paddler tables, respectively. There will be approximately \$250 in door prizes available for attendees.

INFO & ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

KNIK CANOERS & KAYAKERS:

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, canoeists and rafters. The club also promotes and represents the interests of paddle sports in Alaska.

DISPLAY ADVERTISING:

Contact the Eddyline at

SELLING OR BUYING?

Looking to finally buy a canoe this summer? Want to sell that hot pink spray skirt you bought last year? Send a short classified ad for the next Eddyline to aflcg@uaa.alaska.edu.

KCK NEEDS YOU

EDDYLINE NEWSLETTER

The Eddyline is your newsletter and it NEEDS your input now.

We would love to share your trip experiences, images, paddling classified info, close calls, and tall tales.

Send your articles (under 250 words),

photos (reasonable sized and in .jpg format), and classifies ads to for inclusion in the next Eddyline.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Want to help keep KCK membership vital? Of course you do! Contact Marti for more information.

PADDLING HOTLINE

Want to be the first one on the water in 2006? Call the paddling hotline for events and trips at 566-1554

WEBSITE PHOTO CONTEST

KCK is running a photo of the month contest. Check www.kck.org for submission details.

BY-LAWS OF THE KNIK CANOERS & 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 eleven members elected by the general membership. The board, at the board meeting following the election, will 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 five board members for a board meeting quorum) 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 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 11/18/2005 General Membership Meeting.

OFFICERS & CONTACTS

President: Kelly Tjaden
Vice President: Kathy Luchsinger
Secretary: Randy Knauff
 Lucy Davis
Treasurer: Eric Downey
Other Board Members:
 Lyle Anderson
 Opie Combs
 Robert Crager
 Richard Crain
 Keith Hawkings
 Carl Persson
 Terry Kelly
Membership:
 Marti Engebretsen

CORRECTIONS

Please note the following corrections from the previous Eddyline:

- Richard Sepersky is not a board member. Board members are listed to the left.
- The KCK bylaws adopted on November 18, 2005 and are printed above.
- The Board purchased a financial CD for \$15,000 not \$12,000

Knik Canoers & Kayakers
P.O. Box 242861
Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2861

2006 KCK Membership Application

BOATING INTERESTS Please 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 ___ Individual (\$10) ___ Household (\$15)

___ **Check if interested in participating in group trips**

Check info desired in annual KCK directory:

___ Name ___ Phone ___ Email

Mailing Address _____
 City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

VOLUNTEER INTERESTS

Please check areas where you would like to assist KCK:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| ___ Help with anything | Eddyline newsletter |
| ___ Lead trips | ___ Write stories/articles |
| ___ Meeting presentation | ___ Help with mailings |
| ___ Instruction | |
| ___ Safety clinics | |
| ___ Membership database | |

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.

Signed
 Person 1 Date:.....
 Signed
 Person 2 Date:.....
 Signed
 Person 3 Date:.....
 Signed
 Person 4 Date:.....

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 must also sign for each minor. Applications missing any signatures will not be accepted.