

**Houston Canoe Club
Minutes - General Meeting
December 9, 1998**

Announcements: Ann Derby, Newsletter Editor, conducted a contest with questions concerning the 100th episode of "Touched by an Angel" which aired November 15, 1998. Winners, with prizes awarded, were Cindy Bartos (1st place), Ed Best and Marilyn Peery (tied for 2nd place), and Mary Zabroski (3rd place).

Wesley Liles circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to sign up for two-hour time slots at the Boat Show, January 8-17, 1999, where the HCC will have a booth.

Lillian Tigard reported that the Rendezvous will continue through the year 2000, with the 1999 Rendezvous to be held October 8-11 (Columbus Day weekend) at Huntsville State Park. Lillian distributed a "Request for Bid" for the preparation of a 12-month schedule containing all the tasks associated with the Rendezvous, using Microsoft Project or equivalent program. Bids will be closed by December 31, 1998

Anne Stafford reported that the Buffalo Bayou Regatta will be held May 1, 1999, with a greater emphasis on safety.

John Bartos, incoming 1999 Fleet Captain, is interested in putting together a CPR certification & first aid class (2-night course of 3 hours each) February 16/18. Cost will be \$65.00. He circulated a sign-up sheet to determine level of interest.

Marilyn Peery is resigning as our newsletter mailing volunteer, but she is willing to help with the January mailing. Volunteers are requested. Charsea DeBell reported that HCC will not renew the software to bar-code the labels to mail our 240 newsletters. Bob Arthur stated that it may be necessary for the club to use a mailing service or mail the newsletters via regular postal service.

Business meeting:

Minutes of the November 11, 1998, meeting were approved as printed in the November newsletter (C. Mata took the minutes for that meeting).

Purser Grady Hicks reported the status of the club's finances as of 12/1/98, which include \$7,156 paid in donations.

Bob Arthur announced the temporary appointment of Wes Simmons to replace Bryan Richter for the remaining two years of his three-year term as Governor, pending the receipt of Bryan's written resignation. Wes Simmons' name was placed in nomination. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the January general meeting, at which time the election for this position will be held.

Program: Sandy Truxillo presented a slide program on his favorite hiking trails in Texas (with some paddling activity included).

Fleet Captain's Report: John Mark HARRAS reported that club members have paddled 5,870 miles to date in 1998. Awards will be presented at the January general meeting for various paddling milestones.

The club's "**Post Christmas**" social will be held 7-10 p.m. Saturday, January 16, 1999, at 3000 Locke Lane across from St. Luke's Methodist Church (on Westheimer). Children are welcome. Carolyn Mata presented a motion that the club allocate \$500 for the party, which will include a live band. John Bartos seconded the motion, and the motion carried.