

MARCH 2018 BOARD MEETING

WESTERN RESERVE ROWING ASSOCIATION

March 12, 2018, CRF Boathouse - 6:00 pm

In attendance:

Victoria Anders, Frank Campbell, Janet Clark, Jamye Jamison, Scott Labuda, Megan Patton, Kerry Watterson, Kathy Whitford

Guests: Jaz Carlsen, Jim Ridge

Next meeting: April 9, 2018

SECRETARY'S REPORT

FRANK CAMPBELL

- Minutes: February Board Meeting
- Other updates as needed

Victoria Anders moved to approve the February Minutes. Scott Labuda seconded. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

KATHY WHITFORD

- Review of January and February Quickbooks Report distributed by email
- Preliminary Budget distributed via email

CLUB MANAGER REPORT

JAZ CARLSEN

- Pre-registration will be opening this week. Sent an email to all of the team captains asking them for their team roster, etc.
- Coaching: 4 of the 6 LTR are covered. We need another coach for the 7th and the 21st, both early sessions.
- Rec is covered. SRL: We have 6 for Mon and Tues, 5 for Wed/Thurs. Fri: only 1. Noon – Mark Silverstein is covered.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Final Budget due March 15
 - Some programs are making money and others, not. We need to increase advertising - \$1500 under General.
 - There will be three SRL race days outside of the regattas (June 10, July 22 and August 5). We need to increase SRL coaching by \$1000
 - We do not provide PFDs for the Masters' coxswains. Rec ends up with leftovers. We need to add \$80 x 6 (Approximately \$500) to Equipment under General Sweeps.
 - We consistently donate LTR or LTS to various non-profit fundraisers and need to allocate funds for these in the budget. Adding approximately \$1000 to in-kind donations under General.

Kathy Whitford moved to approve the budget with corrections. Frank Campbell seconded. Approved.

- Three motions passed unanimously via email

Victoria Anders moved on Feb 20 - unanimous board approval.

MOTION:

To submit the down payment in the amount of \$10,200 for the purchase of: (1) SRL 8+; (1) General Sweeps 8+; (1) General Sweeps 4+ ('17 demo); (1) General Sweeps 4+ (gently used) so to begin production on the new eights.

KW moved to ratify the above purchases. JJ seconded. Ratified

Scott Labuda, Feb 28 - unanimous board approval.

MOTION:

- Veteran Rowing Program cost

Note: ActiveNet fee not included. Rower will be responsible for fee.

Summer facilities assessment (\$121) and the general membership fee (160) with a 15% discount. Thus \$281 -\$42 = \$239.

- Pararowing Program cost

Note: ActiveNet fee not included. Rower will be responsible for fee.

Summer facilities assessment (\$121) and the general membership fee (160) with a 15% discount. Thus \$281.

If the pararower is a veteran then \$281 -\$42 = \$239.

Kerry Watterson moved to ratify the fee structure for Veteran and Pararowing. KW seconded. Ratified

Kathy Whitford, Mar 1 - unanimous board approval.

MOTION:

To freeze current ongoing program costs at 2017 cost (not including LTR or LTS)

KW moved to ratify the program costs frozen. FC seconded. Ratified.

CRF UPDATE

- CRF board meeting update
- Sculling – concerns about waking
- Integrative Health Seminar was held March 3rd
- St. Ignatius Summer Rowing Program – will be coming back to the boathouse.
- St. Ed's Down Syndrome student – St. Ed's/The Foundry doesn't want to let this student row and they contacted CRF. Upon review of a doctor, etc. CRF may seek to integrate with a scholastic team such as Burning River Crew.
- Some construction will be taking place in the lobby to open the space up and polish the concrete.
- Purchased multiple launches and engines (3 of each)
- CRF Board meeting (3rd Tues of month 7am) – March 20th - WRRR rep to attend

COACHING AND COXSWAIN REPORT

JAMYE JAMISON

- Jaz has been doing a really good job at finding coaches.
 - We need to consider the dock transition time strategy so that we can be clear to the coaches and coxswains as to what to do. This needs to be figured out by the last week of April/first week of May – Mandatory Coaches and Coxswains Meeting. We need to have people take boats out of the water/in slings if the later team isn't fully ready. Debriefing on the water would be helpful.
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EQUIPMENT/MERCHANDISE REPORT

VICTORIA ANDERS

- Equipment: Sold the Firehouse, Bob Walton and the black 4.
- Logistics planning for getting the boats here. Will be here before the next maintenance day. (March 24/25)
- May have another equipment donation
- Will be adding Western Reserve Rowing on all of the boats (sculls included)
- Will be building a new cox box cabinet.
- Would like to distribute booties to those that attend LTR and make them available for purchase during the SRL season.
- Merchandise: Scheduling our committee meetings soon. Will continue to give away the water bottles at LTR. Will hopefully have a small merch table at the LTR. (10am setup until noon.)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

MEG PATTON

- Had a really good meeting at the Cleveland Clinic for a lead for three different departments/groups for Corporate Rowing.
 - Would like the debriefing to tie back into the team building objectives
- Had a meeting with the Rock Hall. Could see them as being one of the boats in a Corporate League to further incorporate wellness.
- Encouraged both to sign up for a Learn to Row.
- Consulting and law firms look into team building activities for their summer intern programs.

ROWING PROGRAMS (SCULLING, SWEEPS AND SRL)

KERRY WATTERSON

- Learn to Scull was previously ad-hoc. It will now be a program with a set time, signup. It will be more cost effective and consistent.
- Jaz and I met with Tim Marcovy to discuss the SRL Race Days
- Had a sculling committee next week and made real progress on the revised certification process. Current designated sculling coaches are listed within the document, minimum number of rows is 12 to a maximum number of 30 for certification though some people may need more. There will be a formal Learn To Scull program.
- Learn To Scull Open house – There will be an open house akin to the LTR session of showing newbies the equipment, etc.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS (ADAPTIVE, PARAROWING, VETERANS)

SCOTT LABUDA

- VIPERs will be starting erging. Two Sundays from now. Mark Silverstein will be running them.
- Adaptive may be getting more money towards equipment.
- Will be showing Equipment Committee members how to use the pontoons on Maintenance Day
- How do we transition Adaptive rowers into more competitive rowing, if they so choose?
- There was an article in the March issue of Rowing on pararowing.

VOLUNTEERISM, VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

JANET CLARK

- Met with committee on Thursday.
- Sally still wants to do a monthly tally of volunteer hours. Was considering a volunteer of the month.
- Will be talking to captains about volunteer opportunities.
- What would encourage you to volunteer more or what has brought you to volunteer more?
- Suggestion box? Is this something we should investigate?
- Will have a small calendar that displays all of the volunteer opportunities on the board. Will also be posting articles onto the board.

MEMBERSHIP/ADMINISTRATION

FRANK CAMPBELL

- LTR opened. We currently have over 100 registered. 33 unfilled slots.
- SRL pre-registration is ready to go. There were 266 slots pre-registered last year.
- Would like to open all the other registrations when we open up SRL.
- Discussion of how to set up registration for Veterans rowing. We need to consider their availability, etc. We can also look at which are the most popular timeslots so that we offer those remaining. We need to make it clear that the discount only applies to those that are in the Veteran program.
- Can we make a discussion to provide support to the team that wants to go to the Gay Games in Paris? They need to have some concrete plan of what they need. A blueprint/budget, example: How many team members are going? How much flights will be? How much fees would be for things like: hotel, registration, boat rental, etc.
- There are some people that are not getting the newsletter.

COMMUNICATION

GRETCHEN SHIMOLA - ABSENT

- Website traffic has increased 64%.

FINANCE

KATHY WHITFORD

- No report

Victoria Anders moved to adjourn. Kathy Whitford seconded. Approved. Time adjournment. 8:12pm