

# WRRRA DECEMBER 2014 BOARD MEETING

December 14, 2014

## In attendance:

Maurice Ruelens, Victoria Anders, Jennifer Prugh, Laura Loesch, Frank Campbell, Kathy Whitford, Michelle Fox, Sally Fahrenholz,

Corrections to November 2014 minutes underwent some corrections and we need to see another draft before approval.

October 2014 minutes need minor corrections. Jennifer Prugh moved to approve with Laura Loesch seconding. Unanimously approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### FINANCIALS DISTRIBUTED AND APPROVED

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- Depreciation expense, volunteer refunds still to be paid.
- 70K in net income current, predict 45K for the year.
- There will be an adjustment on sale of Goddess.
- Gloria will be doing the tax forms for this fiscal year.
- Budget for club manager time – move from private sculling to general sculling for 2015 budget.
- Jennifer Prugh moved with Frank Campbell seconding, unanimously approved: Financial reports are approved and will be put on web site.

## CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

- No issues. Jaz not at meeting
- Discussion of salary/hourly basis of remuneration.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT, KATHY WHITFORD

### BOARD VACANCY; ADAPTIVE ROWING

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- Vacant board position: Sarah Jackson and Kathy Hahner to be interviewed. Kathy: Monday Dec 15 6:30. Sarah at Latitude on Dec 6 at 10:30.
- Decision before Christmas would be optimal.
- General discussion on Adaptive Rowing proposal. Three Rivers have offered guidance. Task force members will likely stay on committee.
- Emphasis on visually impaired.
- Good information from US rowing.
- Contact with Cleveland Sight Center RT – help with orientation of our members.
- We can't call it pararowing because that term is used for specific equipment and rowers. It will be referred to as adaptive rowing.
- We expect a monthly update from this group.
- Victoria suggests coxed quad and fours.
- Swimming requirement and waiver issues discussed. The RT at the Sight Center will help us.
- Discussion: winter erging assessments; Frank and Kathy will discuss.
- Start small with 4 or 5 participants in the Adaptive Rowing program – applications will be part of the process

Frank Campbell moved and Kathy Whitford seconded: Motion to move forward with Adaptive Rowing program to start program, winter erging, set dates, etc. Unanimously approved.

## **CRF BOARD POSITIONS**

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- Open positions: two At Large positions, one WRRR and one collegiate.
- We have a WRRR position opening up.
- Rachel Stanley has agreed to take a nomination. At large might be the better position for her.
- Discussion of various candidates: Tim Marcovy, Rob Johnson, Sharon Romilly.
- Kathy will talk to Tim. Frank will talk to Rob J.
- Tim's position now is at large.

## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE: SURVEYS AND EQUIPMENT PLAN**

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- Survey processing is not completed as yet.
- SRL had over 80 responses.
- Sculling had 27 responses.
- Coached sculling was successful. Coaches were appreciated.
- Suggestion: Welcome packet for master scullers coming in from out of town-- safety issues, possibility of 10 rows for certification. The website lists all the requirements.
- The sculling committee is considering a mentor list and then open sculling times with coaches in positions.
- Does pair certification require a coach? To be researched.
- Heavyweight singles were requested in the surveys. To be researched.
- Volunteer interests will be given to Sally.
- Discussion of survey responses.
- Masters practice needs to reserve the shell they are taking for practice.

### **EQUIPMENT PLAN**

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- Discussion of the equipment plan and weight class types.
- Everyone in boat should be in the weight range. The weight range is not a suggested average.
- The strategy is – boats should have resale value, keep fleets up to date;
- SRL trainers last a long time.
- Discussion of general plan.
- 4s easier to buy and sell.
- Need more funding resources other than membership fees.
- Keep 1 lightweight 4 – replace when Chanakas sold.
- Total number of boats will stay the same in general. We may add one more 8.
- Motion to start execution of the plan – two SRL WinTechs and the two 4s – Mettler and Two Moore and continue to investigate sale of skittles. Jennifer Prugh so moved with Maurice Ruelens seconding. Unanimously approved.

## **OTHER ISSUES FROM DIRECTORS.**

- Current status for any new boathouse – not purchased yet.
- Coaching development is something that we need to focus on.
- Coaching committee still needs leadership.

## **COACHING AND COXING**

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- Discussion of coxing and coaching committees.

## **EQUIPMENT**

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- Pick up of Vespoli – Christina from Toledo has offered. It was totaled.
- We opted for new shell for this double/pair.
- We got newish boat from Vespoli.
- Kirk said CRF bought boat for lobby. Transport being worked out.
- Dirty Oars – severity of damage – skeg box.
- Equipment orientation. Suggestion that it be filmed. Hour and a half of equipment. Stations.
- This is January. Hands on for February, with specific tasks.
- Pre season maintenance in March. Mid season is in July. End of season October.
- Boat reservation program – equipment tracking for \$1K. Appointy.com. \$240 year. There are admin levels. Mo and Victoria will check out and discuss. Need to be SQL2 to reserve a shell – restrict access to system to them.
- Selling merch on website – pay pal. Victoria is looking into.

## **ROWING PROGRAMS MICHELLE FOX**

- Sculling committee has met. Masters and sweeps have met.
- Transferring sculling chair to Heather Harris.
- Sweeps timelines in development.
- Topics being discussed: HOTC, fall programs, program descriptions and costs.
- Policy on SRL rowers in HOTC – membership and equipment issues make this difficult. Strong recommendation to not participate in HOTC. Suggestion of extra fee for rowing in HOTC but logistical problems like safety certification and coach availability are at issue. Summer Rec only not allowed if not sweeps.

## **COMMUNICATIONS MAURICE RUELENS**

- Meeting next week. Bea, Gretchen, Erik, Bill R.
- Start updating cover sheets.
- Newsletter discussion. Add on to website.
- Rower education. Starting from scratch. Info videos.
- Give committee member suggestions to Mo.

## **FINANCE LAURA LOESCH**

- Same as reports.
- Revisiting the wishlist of items that members could donate.
- Make a list for areas.

## **VOLUNTEERS SALLY FAHRENHOLZ**

- Volunteer refund – about 21.5% are getting their refunds back.
- Volunteer refunds could be automated – in August perhaps.
- Suggestion to consider: Put the form on the web and put the onus on the member to fill out. Tell them to fill out the form and send it in.

## **MEMBERSHIP FRANK CAMPBELL**

- Email attestation forms given to new board members
- Coxing assessments – we need to keep better track of who our coxswains are.
- Coxing assessment discussed.

- Send the list of names of coxswains to Kirk for this to be taken care of for CRF

Meeting adjourned.

CRF meeting January 10

Next WRRRA Meeting January 12.