

JUNE 2017 BOARD MEETING

WESTERN RESERVE ROWING ASSOCIATION

June 20 2017, CRF Boathouse - 6:00 pm

In attendance:

Victoria Anders, Janet Clark, Frank Campbell, Sam Lieberman, Jaz Carlsen, Kathy Whitford, Jamye Jamison, James Hailey, Michelle Fox

Next meeting: July 17, 2017

SECRETARY'S REPORT

FRANK CAMPBELL

- May 2017 Meeting Minutes
- Posting on website: status of Minutes
- Other updates as needed

Kathy Whitford moved to approve the May Meeting Minutes with revisions. Frank Campbell seconded. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

JAMES HAILEY

- Review May Quick Books compared to budget

CRF UPDATE

- CRF Board Meetings (3rd Tuesday of month - 7am) –
- Discussed swamping incident (incident, response, communication)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

1. Club Manager/designee report – Programs update including SRL Regatta 6/24
 - Sponsors – 45 teams, 45 sponsors.
 - Received an email from a person from Minnesota that will be here in July. Would like to do a guest row. Jaz will forward information to Michelle.
 - Regatta is this Saturday – We may need to get 2 banners for the sponsorships.
 2. Guest row policy
 - Distributed via email prior to meeting.
 - Needs to be as permissible as possible
 - Action taken place and noted under Sweeps/Sculling report.
 3. Foundry adult programming – implications for WRRRA
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COACHING AND COXSWAIN REPORT

JAMYE JAMISON

Current:

- We had coaches for three additional half season teams, but only enough rowers for two. There will be additional teams on Tues/Thurs for the late sessions. The teams will start a week earlier and Jamye will run their off-water orientation sessions to allow for maximum water time.
- The Intermediate sections seem to be doing well. It took a bit of time to get them organized but the captains are organized and have taken on more responsibility this year. It looks like a lot of the Performance team will be joining masters at the Welland regatta in July. The Rec team has chosen to start at 9:30 on Saturdays – they usually use the Jolly Scholar so there are no conflicts with other programs on this front.
- One of the coaches going through the new training program has completed it and has been cleared to go on her own. One more is very close and the other two are also making progress. We have been learning a lot about how we need to structure this process going forward and Betsy, Rachel and Jamye will have a debrief meeting soon to assess. There are a lot more steps and it takes a significant amount of time to go through the process. We need to think about how this is working logistically and what we can do to make it go more smoothly.
- Mandatory coach/coxswain meetings were held in May and coach/coxswain were sent via email. Overall we have seen less confusion and things seem to be running more smoothly.
- Jamye will be reviewing SafeSport status and reminding people who need to update their status or getting new coaches/coxswains through the system. WRRRA Board members who took did their SafeSport in 2015 need to renew their status soon.
- Future coaches will be encouraged to do ride-alongs over the summer in the hope that we will have more coaches available for FRL. There are a couple people who Jamye is tapping to get going in the process earlier so they will be ready by August.
- There was a coxing clinic offered on June 10th but there was only one attendee – the son of an SRL rower who wants to cox for Ignatius... It may be that the pre-season and fall clinics will be better attended because of schedules and the fact that most teams have coxswains in the summer and the need is not as obvious.

Future:

- Develop coaching survey.
- Continue to find/think about possible resources page for CRF/WRRRA websites – something like Rowing 101 with basic info.
- Investigate options for non-coaches to do ride along reviews of coaches.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH (ADAPTIVE, CORPORATE ROWING) REPORT

MEG PATTON - ABSENT

- Adaptive Rowing still needs Safety Qualified rowers.

EQUIPMENT/MERCHANDISE REPORT

VICTORIA ANDERS

Brief notes

- Preparing for the SRL Regatta
- Burning River Ramble – Thursday, June 22, 2017 – We will be there. It goes from 6pm-8pm. It's an impromptu run that Jim Ridge organized.
- Cox Box – May need to purchase another one to replace the one lost in the incident.

SCULLING, SWEEPS AND ROWING PROGRAMS

MICHELLE FOX

SWEEPS

- Incidents:
 - SRL 8 - Saturday June 20th (attached USCG report). Swamped shell with USCG rescue.
 - Masters – Saturday June 20th. Masters rower injured on dock.
 - Buddy Boat rower injured on dock.

SRL

- SRL bulletin board has been updated. SaM, SRL description, WRRRA BOD members and contact information, FAQ corner (how to find a sub or become a sub) topics included.
- Janet, Jaz, and I met to discuss SRL regatta. Emphasis on NO SPECTATOR BULL HORNS or CAMERAS in boat.
- Offer Sainatos catering for August regatta

Intermediate

- Coaches in place and no other updates at this time.

Independent Boats

- Working on updating the Independent Boat guidelines.

Guest Rower Policy

- Updated draft.

- All members may have 3 guest rows total. Non WRRRA guest rowers are to contact WRRRA Sweeps, Sculling and/or Membership Directors to arrange for a guest row.

Kathy Whitford moved to pass the revised Guest Rower Policy. Sam Lieberman seconded. Approved.

SCULLING:

- Nothing to report.

CRF Safety

- Next meeting in August

COMMUNICATION

SAM LIEBERMAN

- Created drafts of rack cards for Victoria.
- Will be sending out a newsletter every two weeks. Strongly encouraging the Board to send him something.
- Finalizing granite memorial marker for Richard Miller
- Website has strategic plan from 2015. Needs to be re-evaluated and updated.

Kathy Whitford moved to approve the Communication and Rower Education Committee Coversheet. Frank Campbell seconded. Approved.

VOLUNTEER

JANET CLARK

- June 10 – We had 17 people assist with the clean up.
- Still need a few people for Friday night to assist with buoys and for Saturday tear down.
- Currently has 15 people as volunteers for Corporate Rowing – Looking to get more volunteers on her list.

MEMBERSHIP/ADMINISTRATION

FRANK CAMPBELL

- Activenet fees are going up.
- Sent off waivers and rosters to CRF. 596 rowers on the list. More than 10% increase.

FINANCE/DEVELOPMENT

JAMES HAILEY

No report.

Kathy Whitford moved to adjourn. Michelle Fox seconded. Approved. Time adjournment. 8:14pm

Minutes submitted by: Amy Harmon