

**Western Reserve Rowing Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 18, 2024**

**Opening:** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of WRRRA was called to order by the President, Sharon Romilly, at 6:07pm.

**Attendance:**

WRRRA B.O.D. in person: Sharon Romilly, Kathy Whitford, Leah Livermore, Monica Wagner, Tim Macovy, Maria Coyne, Teresa Hooper, Robin Murphy

WRRRA B.O.D. excused: Martha Rini, Chris Cole

Other in person: Hedi Lamb, Chuck Postel

Other via Google Meets: Michelle Fox

**Approval of Minutes:**

Maria made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 21, 2024 B.O.D. meeting as submitted.

Monica seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report, Kathy Whitford:**

1. The current financial report was reviewed.
2. The contractors used for Corporate Rowing events will not be subject to the timesheet rules for ongoing WRRRA contractors (Coaches and Coxswains).
3. Kathy reported that Learn to Row classes are not taxable because they are one-time events. Ongoing WRRRA programs are taxed.

**Program Director Report, Heidi Lamb:**

1. There are 108 people on the Learn to Row waitlist.
2. Approximately 50 individuals who have taken a Learn to Row class are interested in registering for a 2024 SRL Novice Team.
3. There has been increased interest in the 2024 Intermediate Team.
4. There are currently 35 Experienced and 8 Novice SRL crews.
5. Heidi is addressing boat reservation issues with Crossbar.
6. Heidi reported that the 45 SRL Coxswain slots have not been filled. Tim will reach out to the scholastic teams to see if any of their Coxswains would be interested in coxing for SRL.
7. Nine individuals have signed up for the upcoming Learn to Cox classes.
8. Discussion ensued about requiring 14 days advance notice for General Sweeps boat reservations. General Sweeps boats cannot be reserved for a whole season. Boat reservations are subject to General Sweeps program requirements.

**President's Report, Sharon Romilly:**

1. The Open Doors Academy Summer Rowing Camp is looking for a seasonal Coach.
2. CRF is looking for a seasonal Director of Boathouse Operations.
3. Leslie Thomas is the CRF B.O.D. point person for the Pan American Masters Games.
4. The PAMG Rowing event has been reduced from two days to one day: July 14, 2024.
5. Michelle will check the process for event refunds should the PAMG Rowing events be cancelled due to low registration.
6. A Safesport meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2024. Sharon, Chris, and Heidi will be in attendance.

**Volunteerism and Merchandise Report, Leah Livermore:**

1. WRRRA will have its own clean-up site for the May 4, 2024 Canalway Partners Riversweep event.
2. The Learn to Row Volunteer slots are almost filled. There were 303 Volunteer slots this year compared to 128 in 2023.

**Coaching and Coxing Report, Tim Marcovy:**

1. There are no additions or changes to the submitted April 18, 2024 Coaching and Coxing Report.
2. There have been no updates on the Irishtown Bend Bank Stabilization Project.

**Sculling Report, Monica Wagner:**

1. All Scullers need to be registered for the season before they scull on the water.
2. Monica has two people interested in coaching Learn to Scull.
3. The 2024 Learn to Scull program has not been finalized.
4. Monica has a list of WRRRA members interested in registering for Learn to Scull.
5. Private Scullers can use/reserve the General Sculling boats if they are not being used by a General Sculler. A reservation for a General Sculling boat needs to be made in advance.

**Veterans Report, Robin Murphy:**

1. The WRRRA Freedom Rows Team attended the San Diego Crew Classic. The crew finished in second place.
2. The Boathouse Sports WRRRA Freedom Rows Team Store is live and accepting apparel orders.

**Equipment Report, Teresa Hooper:**

1. The Equipment Committee is considering scheduling "Advance" Maintenance Days. These events would tackle issues such as broken skags and bow balls and alignment.
2. The WRRRA boat rack assignments have been finalized.

**Corporate Rowing, Maria Coyne:**

1. The April 28, 2024 Private Learn to Row has been finalized.
2. There will be a Corporate Rowing event for OrthoSport HQ on June 28, 2024 from 2:30pm-4:30pm.
3. Leah will recruit Volunteer Rowers and Coxswains once Coaches have been secured.
4. The date for the Metro West CDC Auction Item Private Learn to Row is TBD. A Coach has been secured for this event.
5. The date for the Embrace Pet Insurance Corporate Rowing event is TBD. Coaches for this event have not been secured.
6. The August 9, 2024 Nestle Corporate Rowing event has been booked. Leah is in the process of recruiting 3 Coxswains and 10 Volunteer Rowers for this event. There will be three boats.
7. Discussion ensued around the need for a one-day Fall Learn to Row event after the HOTC.

**Closing:**

1. The next scheduled meeting is on May 16, 2024 at 6:00pm at the CRF Boathouse.

**Respectfully submitted by Leah Livermore, WRRRA Secretary, on May 28, 2024.**