

# April 28<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes

Open portion of meeting called at 7 o'clock with 7 members present. Concern raised that there was no sign in sheet for mods at regatta over the past weekend. Parents assured that we always have emergency contact info for all rowers. Executive gave presentation on role of coxswains that was well received.

1. Call to order: 7:55. Members present, Rob Partlow, Ellen Sherry, Grace Keers, Mary Hanraty, Maggie Fitzmaurice, Jason Schoen, Laura McClendon, Marybeth Ryan. Also present: Drew Kroft, Sean O'Brien.
2. Coaches report
  - a. Mods
    - i. Coach Sarah now working with experienced girls
    - ii. Coach Dave has experienced boys
    - iii. Coach Scott has 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys
    - iv. Practices now more efficient and we have plenty of equipment for everyone with three new boats on the water (total of five purchases, one needs repairs over the summer and one is straight four for high school)
  - b. Have reorganized trailer loading procedure to utilize coxswains more and seems to be going well
  - c. Summer
    - i. Want to keep 6 am session for high school rowers but will make exceptions for rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders with permission and assessments if warranted.
    - ii. In talks with John from Healthplex to add weight training twice a week to summer sessions. This will not affect practice times and should cost about \$100 additional. Extra cost will also allow rowers membership at Healthplex for the summer. Discussed ways rowers who want extra water time might get it by practicing with mods during 9:00 session.
  - d. Saratoga Invitationals
    - i. Parents reporting satisfaction with rolling arrival/departure times; trailer/rigging didn't seem to suffer
    - ii. Lack of water time due to weather adversely affected all section II teams
3. Election procedures
  - a. Will allow up to up to 13 board members to accommodate influx from SGS board
  - b. President and secretary will tally ballots; partial ballots will be counted
  - c. Debate on merits of holding election under new bylaws or old bylaws. Decided to prevent catastrophe if they don't pass to hold under old bylaws for this year. Even year board members (Ellen, Laura, Mary, Marybeth, Rob, and Tony) will time out or run for re-election next year. Odd year members (Jason, Maggie, new members) will time out or run for re-election the following year.

- d. There was some confusion regarding qualifications for president. **ACTION:** Laura will clarify in bylaws that only one qualification needs to be met, not all.
  - e. Laura asked that all members send email indicating their intention to stay on or resign from board at the end of the term within two weeks. **ACTION:** members will so email.
4. Bottle Drive
- a. Marybeth reports less participation and more buyouts than previous years. Several members lamented what seemed to be a lackadaisical approach to flyers and pickups as evidenced by flyers returned by mailperson and bottles in several neighborhoods not being picked up. Debated merits of continuing bottle drive and how to further streamline if we continue. Will bill families who didn't show for their shift buyout amount.
5. Safe sport
- a. Two pre-season incidents reported. Incidents were investigated and parties were talked to.
  - b. 1 incident of cyber-bullying required a meeting with the parent and rower and short suspension from practice.
  - c. 1 incident of teasing at the mod level required meeting with offending parties and apologies.
  - d. Discussed our responsibility to report incidences to school. **ACTION:** Grace will seek instruction from us rowing and schools.
  - e. Asked for changes to blast email for reporting incidents. Drew made changes in the meeting
6. Boathouse
- a. President of PVA engineering company has bought the note on the Maritime center. He has asked for deed in lieu of foreclosure, but owner still trying to sell. This is deemed unlikely to happen as PVA has initiated foreclosure proceedings. PVA pres has a charity that would be friendly to our interests, so we are rooting for them to get the property and let us use it.
7. Policy and procedure
- a. Will have several policies to present for board review by next meeting including Membership, Safety, Injury and Illness, and Travel and Regatta
8. Recruitment
- a. Flyers will go out to middle schools and elementary schools on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> of May. We have volunteers to fill these requirements
  - b. Ad's will go out in the Schenectady Gazette and Community News
  - c. Scheduled adult Learn to Row for Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.
9. Travel
- a. Having difficulty securing a block of rooms for the Pittsford regatta. Maggie will continue to look until the 4<sup>th</sup>. Outside the box options such as camping discussed. Will make a decision on participation on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

10. Volunteers

- a. Still 20 families with no commitment. **ACTION:** Mary will call and place them into positions.

11. Fundraising

- a. Flower drive looks to make the same as last year within \$200.
- b. Shane's fundraiser scheduled for tomorrow.

12. Adjournment: 10:20.