

December 20, 2016 Board Minutes

7:05 Open Meeting – 5 people were present. Two parents are putting together a meal plan/schedule to help crew family in need asking for board to share information with members who have offered to help. Information will go to Laura to communicate when ready. A student then shared that she has organized a Bone marrow donor registration event at Cross gates Mall on 1/7 at 10:00 a.m. and we were asked to spread the word. There were also 3 other members present to follow up on allergy guidelines workshop that took place. We have a draft complete, will get final approvals and then vote. The plan is to put in place for Spring season once vote has taken place.

Last month's minutes were accepted electronically on 11/29/16 and posted to website.

At 7:15 the meeting was called to order at the Gowana Middle School Cafeteria.

Board Members present: Laura McClendon, Mary Hanratty, Deb Curto, Barb Moore, Rob Partlow, Scott McDonald, Jon Slepki, Sean Obrien, Nancy Paulsen, Steve OBrien and Mark Smrstik. Also present: Mike Gilbert and Dave Clayman. Excused: Jason Schoen & Paul Ennis

1. Coaches Report:

- a. Coach Sean gave update that Winter Training at Healthplex is going well. They are in week 4, Ryan from healthplex has been having them do circuits on machines. All coaches are all happy with performance and efforts of athletes. Moving to 4 days on ergs and will switch off among girls and boys teams. Practice on break will be starting at 3:30 and no practice will be held on the two Mondays. Mary will post on website calendar and newsletter to announce.
 - b. Coach Dave reported that all motors have been winterized and one motor is being repaired at Hydes. Water pumps in motors will need to be replaced in spring \$350/motor will need to be allotted. Dave made a suggestion after speaking to BH to go direct to Karen the new land owner about boat racks being on land. Sean as director will reach out and approach her and report back to BOD.
 - c. Coach Dave shared he attended a training at Saratoga this month. Sean confirmed that all coaches will be asked to attend the Junior Rowing coaches' conference Jan 14th & 15th. Presentations of this training are more in line with coaching younger athletes, improving erg and sweeping techniques in line with our program. Sean found last year's program helpful.
 - d. Mod Winter training update – 15 have registered to date. Coaches Sarah & Maria will be coaching daily with Dave and Scott joining at times during the program. Coach Mike assisted on putting new exercise suggestions and formalizing new program for Mods. Ergs to move over on Fridays like last year.
2. New Board members Steve Obrien and Mark Smrstik were welcomed and each introduced themselves. Steve will be taking the policy and procedure responsibility along with helping on corporate fundraising. Mark will start an outreach program to Shen principals, superintendent and gym teachers to raise awareness of crew and hopes to put a day in spring where they will come to boathouse and get in boats.
 3. Allergy guidelines were read aloud and discussed. Before a vote can take place it was requested to have Steve get an attorney review and approve document. Vote was postponed until next month when that has taken place.
 4. Financial Reporting – Nancy shared handouts with balance sheet information electronically prior to meeting. Current bank statements and balances were read aloud and shared. Tax information was

given to the accountant so our tax filing is on time and compliant. Second payments for Modified Winter training will be coming. There are currently 46 participants which is positive numbers for program covering costs. Spring pricing of \$830 was suggested that will include a two day travel regatta of Stotesbury. Price will not include Nationals. All voted and approved spring pricing that will be communicated in January to membership.

5. Financial Reporting – Laura asked if the QuickBooks information from accountant can be forwarded for filing to Deb to keep. Also a financial budget meeting needs to be scheduled so 2017 budget can be put in place.
6. Recruiting – Nancy reported that a recruiting week has been finalized. Coach Sean to take Varsity rowers into middle school lunches during Regents week (w/o 1/24) for kids to demonstrate ergs and talk about the sport of rowing. Saturday Jan 28th is planned for recruiting day in Clifton Park Mall 11:30-1:30 as event last year was positive. Nancy and Jon will be putting a workshop together in Jan with Mod parents asking for ideas and input of Modified recruiting. More details to come when room is confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.