

February 14, 2017 Board Minutes

7:03 Open Meeting –There were 3 other members present to follow up on allergy guidelines. We have reached out to US Rowing and the CEO has submitted our draft to their legal counsel to comment. We have reached out to neighboring rowing clubs and no one has policies or guidelines in place. We need to make sure what we approve protects the club. We will inform them as soon as we get response which we are expecting in the next week.

Jan meeting was cancelled and Dec minutes were accepted electronically on 12/30/16 and posted to website.

At 7:10 the meeting was called to order at the Gowana Middle School Library.

Board Members present: Laura McClendon, Mary Hanratty, Paul Ennis, 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, Barb Moore and Deb Curto.

1. Coaches Report:

- a. Coach Sean gave update that Winter Training at Healthplex is week 11 and is going well. The boys are very positive with the program of lifting and erg combination. Their feedback has highlighted the strength building very positive & noticeable.
- b. Coach Sean has call into a teacher at Koda who is a previous Shen rower to have a discussion about joining the coaching staff. He'll report feedback once they meet or connect.
- c. Coach Sean has had discussion with BHills about plans for fence, parking and use of land with new owner of Maritime Center. They are discussing it this week as a board and then a joint meeting with new owners will follow. Rob Partlow will call the town to find out for traffic, plowing and MPH limits for the road leading to boathouse that may be beneficial data before the joint meeting.
- d. Coach Sean is still in search for more quads and has a lead on a boat in MA. There have been a few that did not work out so process is taking longer than planned.
- e. Coach Mike shared that girl's winter training going well. Ryan from healthplex took feedback and adjusted to our needs. Sheets each session so girls can see progress. Several injuries among the girls that occurred outside crew. The search for freshman girls coach has begun.
- f. Coach Mike shared that healthplex is going to host and market an erg-a-thon to help raise money towards the equipment fund. Mary will reach out to Ryan to get the flyer to distribute information.
- g. Coach Dave gave Mod Winter training update – 22-26 kids attend most days. They have only had 2 erg sessions so far this season, transporting ergs has been challenge. Working up to 1500 meters.
- h. Coach Dave attending a Mod League meeting. Mod Champs will be June 3rd at Mechanicville hosted by St Augustine again. All teams will provide launch, coach and must be at Friday meeting. The mod league has voted to increase racing opportunities by adding the straight (without cox) Quad to the Mod championship. The straight quad will be the primer boat for the mod championship. As the premier boat, the coaches will make the fastest crews for this event. There will be one girls and one boys straight quad per program entered in this event.
Rowers who compete in the straight quad will not race in other quad events. We will race 7th and 8th grade boys and girls coxed quads and doubles in the Mod championship

2. Recruiting Meetings: Coach Sean shared the recruiting meetings at middle schools went very well. The kids helped cover all schools. The Open house at mall resulted in 4 mod registrations and 2 others interested to register after winter.
3. Henley: Coaches are planning to attend the Henley this summer. It will be extra pricing to be announced in the summer pricing. Race is 5 days and the end depends on finals and placements.
4. SGS – Rob to follow up with Don about equipment and final transfer before spring. Don has been away so not responding. Sean to get tire repaired on boat trailer under warrantee.
5. Website – Discussion on updating and revising versus restarting with new. Paul and Steve will both reach out to people they know in web design to research. Ideas for quick updates should be sent to Paul in the meantime.
6. Financial Reporting – Nancy shared handouts with balance sheet information electronically prior to meeting. Current bank statements and balances were read aloud and shared. Insurance bridge bill to come in April. Bus payment to be paid end of the month after first round of Spring payments will be deposited. Fundraiser comparison and travel regatta last season balanced with no expense to club.
7. Spring Mod pricing – an increase was suggested to offset the increase in US Rowing admin fees and increase in gas price for busing. Vote was taken and increase approved.
8. Tanks update – Jon gave tanks update that 12 mods and 4 masters are registered. 2 chaperones have volunteered and departure is scheduled for 8:00 am on Sunday. There is pool at hotel so there is no need to split groups nor go to mall. Discussion of keeping groups together was discussed and preferred.
9. Lockers – An old topic of supplying lockers or locked crates was revisited. Discussion was held of making an offering for this but there should be no expense to club to provide this. Paul will research possible options.
10. June Elections – Laura reminded that there will be her seat opening and 5 others coming up for reelection. After review, Paul will not be eligible for a seat according to bylaws so another position will need to be filled. If anyone is considering not staying they should let her know before spring starts so we can start to reach out to membership at parent meeting for new board members.
11. SPAC – Rob shared that Shen Crew will be involved in SPAC summer series again for the equipment fundraisers and more details will be shared next meeting. Grouping the training like before was agreed upon. Those that were trained last year are still good and would not need to attend another training session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.