

January 20, 2016 Board Minutes

There were no members attending so no open meeting was held. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm at the Gowana Library.

Board Members present: Laura McClendon , Rob Partlow , Mary Hanratty, Scott McDonald, Jason Shoen, Ellen Sherry, Marc Price, Kim Ferraioli, Sean Obrien, Paul Ennis and Nancy Paulsen. Also present: Mike Gilbert and Dave Clayman.

- 1) Masters/Mod Tanks Trip : Jon Slepski presented plan for the Feb Mod/Masters Tanks trip. Tanks are booked for 6 hrs of tank time over 2/19-2/20, with two sessions each day. Cost is going to be \$150 per child which will pay for tanks, hotel, food, coaches, and gas for chaperones. Planning on leaving at 6:45 am on Friday 2/19 and return by 5:00 pm on Saturday 2/20. Ten Mods and two masters are confirmed but more have stated interest. Announcement to go out this week by Scott with all the details and requesting for waivers to be signed and deposits to be mailed to Nancy Paulsen.
- 2) Coaches Report:
 - a) Winter Trip - Coach Mike updated the board on the FL Feb trip and low participation. Only 10 Shen and 5 Burnt Hills have registered. 50 spots were set up to absorb the cost of bus, hotel and training schedule. Trip most likely will be cancelled, coaches will confirm with BHills coach .
 - b) Healthplex Winter training - Mike & Sean are both happy with how the winter training is going. They are doing "round robin" of exercises and alternating M,W,F and T, TH for erg use across boys and girls so all are involved in strength training and erg practice.
 - c) Mod Winter training - Coach Scott gave update that Mod Winter training is also going well. They have 34 kids participating and doing repeated reps of exercises and then logging every 2 weeks for comparison of performance. Discussion of adding in ergs into the Mod training for February. Coaches to discuss and work out logistics.
 - d) Mod Champs & scrimmages - Coach Dave gave update from the Mod League meeting. Mod champs is planned for 6/4 at St Augustine. Each team must bring launch and 2 volunteers to assist with running the race. Shen was asked to do the food tent again, Rob Partlow agreed to plan for this and got approval from Joe Castaldo as well prior to meeting. Dave has also set up for weekly scrimmages on Wednesdays in May on the Mohawk. No fees, medals or paperwork – just getting the kids on the water and practice racing.
 - e) Footplates – Dave gave update on 75 foot plates that were made and shipped and post office lost package. Dave is working with post office to get insurance payment reimbursed to us. He also has an order for another 100 footplates to be made over winter to produce revenue for the team. Jason offered if made of aluminum, he can get holes done by laser free of cost for team, drawing with measurements to be provided by Dave to Jason for next steps.

- 3) Board Positions – Laura asked everyone to review their current board positions and tasks opening for feedback and changes. Kim has additional responsibilities that were left off list of the registrar role. She will compile list and get to President for inclusion. All accepted their roles to continue as written out.
- 4) Recruiting update – Nancy and Kim gave recruiting update of 3 planned events. One is during regents week with Sean and Varsity kids at middle schools. Erg and rolling video presentation will be given to help attract new mods. The second event is planned for 1/30 at Clifton Park mall. A raffle of movie tickets for people that come by table and try the erg. The last event will be in March 19th a table at SHENSational aimed mostly to attract new mods since event geared at Middle school kids. However, any potential varsity rowers will be invited to attend the Jun free week and summer learn to row. Interested potential Mods will be welcome to try the season (regular rate, no pro-rate) in the usual manner. Kim will get flyers needed to Jason for 750 to be printed to support all events.
- 5) Feb meeting – Rob announced we will have a guest speaker at February board meeting; Chip Camarro, General Manager of the local Liven Nation volunteer team of Legends to discuss the fundraising idea of working the concession stands during concerts as new Fundraiser for club.
- 6) Equipment from SGS – Scott & Rob will follow up with Don at SGS to ask again letter of intent and confirmation of what equipment will be donated to Shen. Rob Partlow is going to reach out as VP and Regatta coordinator as we need answer on the food truck and trailer before going into the spring season.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.