

March 15, 2016 Board Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm at the Acadia Library.

Open Meeting – Alan Paulsen shared updates on the flower drive. New photos and consolidated forms are being added to packets. Jason will make 130 packets prior to parent meeting. R&K was happy to try new online baskets for Masters to approach Chamber members. Final week of sales is April 18 - 22; All orders will be due April 22.

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

1) Coaches Report:

- a) Coach Sean shared today was last day of Healthplex and tomorrow will begin at boathouse. Docks going in this weekend so hope to start on water next Monday. There are 5 or 6 varsity novice that will need waivers until swim test on 3/31 since getting on water early. Sean, Mike & Dave will be doing a review of all boats of work needed and also do full inventory for our insurance needs simultaneously.
- b) Coach Dave gave update on boat repairs. Fleet will be 9 quads and 1 straight for 49 seats for mod rowers. We are looking for one more mod coach to be added to staffing. He identified need to build another boat rack and will get permission from burnt hills to put on property.
- c) Transition of SGS assets – SGS will be transferring all assets on 6/1 to include the food trailer and boat trailer. No painting or changes can be made until the assets are registered and officially under Shen.
- d) Coach Scott shared at March Meltdown – there were a few mods that participated & placed in the march meltdown. Scott will get info to Laura to include in newsletter
- e) Mod Winter training - Coach Dave & Scott gave update that Mod Winter training is going well. Attendance has been very good and addition of ergs also well received. At beginning of program a fitness test was given then followed up every two weeks. Progress of those attended was noted.
- f) Coach Dave & Scott reported incident of Mod Behavior issues. Situation was discussed, warnings were given to kids and board agreed to get a general notice out to all members as reminder of being a good teammate and outlining safesport as well. Scott will give a short presentation during the Apr 1st parents meeting that outlines the mod program goals, schedule, and structure

- 2) Fundraising update – Marc gave update of fundraising meeting with 7 people attending. The spring fundraiser of Flower Sale is planned. The second fundraiser was of much discussion. The committee was hoping to have golf fundraiser switch to spring which was agreed can happen but would have to be next spring. The registration forms that all members signed in the fall stated the flower & bottle drive would be this season fund raisers. Two weekends were identified as possible bottle drive options and Marc will touch base to beverage center to see if available and work with MaryBeth to act as coordinator. (date cannot be confirmed until the hotel contract for stotesbury is confirmed to be cancelled. Laura & Rob to reach out and get back to Marc & board by end of week). If the beverage center cannot accommodate, Hoffman carwash was discussed as possible back up option. Merchandising ideas were discussed at meeting for the cell phone

case and the multi tool as well as other options and will be discussed in more detail next meeting. Laura gave update on car raffle with paperwork being filed, volunteer jobs to support being added and board members Laura, Marc, Jason and Paul to be in filing to the event. They would not be allowed to purchase tickets for this raffle.

- 3) Financial Report – Nancy gave update and handed out financial report of income Sept 1st to date and will be adding in expenses and providing summary on monthly basis. She confirmed that Jackie has balanced and reconciled all statements through November and will continue to bring it up to date after tax season. Outstanding pmts are currently \$500 from members, Nancy is actively working to reconcile those.
- 4) Masters program – Ellen gave a report and update on the masters program. A review of the fee structure of evening and morning programs was provided. The evening program is running at a profit. The morning program only covers variable cost. The morning program was originally set up with a low introductory price to grow the program. An increase was agreed upon to bring the morning program more in line to cover some fixed cost.
- 5) Summer pricing – Kim asked for vote from board to review the summer program pricing for Mods and freshman/varsity programs. The mod program is 4 & 8 weeks. Both summer programs pricing were adjusted summer of 2015. It was the first increase in at least ten years. The Varsity pricing will be finalized and voted on next month. The learn to row summer two week program price was reduced about five years ago to make the price more in line with other programs offered through the town. For the Freshman/varsity program Sean and Mike would like to make it more competitive of 6 weeks and adding in a summer regatta to the expected program. This year would be Philly 7/23& 24 which would be included in the program fee. The varsity rowers would still go to Henley at additional cost and summer program would end that week with one day for unloading the boat included after returning from Henley. Coaches recognize this is the first year and some families may have previously booked vacations but moving forward this would be expected so more kids would be able to participate in the regattas and would leave 3 weeks in August free time for families to do so.
- 6) Volunteer jobs – final list of jobs was given to all board members. Any adjustments need to be given to Mary by end of the week. Ellen removed one position, splitting regattas for Grill masters was discussed so they don't have to work every event and will be added into the description. Marc to confirm other fund raiser jobs needed pending decision. No other changes were requested.
- 7) Webmaster emails – Paul had asked board to review the webmaster emails and confirm who should be deleted. Many old coaches no longer with the team are listed. Sean will confirm list to Paul in morning.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.