

May 17, 2016 Board Minutes

7:04 Open Meeting – Two parents were asking questions about Nationals being a scholastic race rather than club. Coaches explained that no Shen boats would have qualified for the Youth Nationals, a club based event so the decision to go to the PA race scholastic was made so more could race. Unfortunately that eliminates non Shen athletes but it was discussed if they would like to attend and be with the team for support we agree this would be possible. It was also mentioned that our school liaison checked to see if there was any way to get a Shen accreditation for these students but there was not. There was also a discussion on the team travel rules for Pittsford, exception requests should go through the coaches for consideration. The board recognized the need to be more timely with communicating policy or other changes to the membership.

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 pm at the Gowana Library.

Board Members present: Laura McClendon, Sean Obrien, Rob Partlow, Ellen Sherry, Mary Hanratty, Kim Ferraioli, Scott McDonald, Nancy Paulsen, and Joe Castaldo. Also present: Mike Gilbert and Dave Clayman.

1) Coaches Report:

- a) Coach Sean shared there was an error of Saratoga with Lee's about parking for Sunday of BC champs. No money was collected, arrangements were misunderstood and all teams were billed to offset ck to Lees.
- b) States went very well. 6 boats received medals across girls and boys teams.
- c) New Oars arrived and were used at States. New parts for Mod oars also arrived and will be put into use as quickly as possible.
- d) Coach Mike shared he has begun practice of pairs & fours for the girls, most have not been experienced in this.
- e) Mike nominated C. Coy for Junior National US Rowing candidate for a summer program, she is currently on waiting list but this is great honor
- f) Coach Dave shared BC Champs had 3 silvers for Mods and the scrimmages have been going okay but has been difficult getting other team to arrive to race. Two more for May are scheduled.
- g) Mod Champs 6/4 planned – need one Fresh/Var coach for launch to assist in running race.
- h) Mod program has 9 or 10 boats on water most days. Only 3 kids discontinued the program so participation has stayed high for this season.
- i) Dave asked we start recruiting for additional Mod coach for fall. Suggestion to ck alumni or possibly recruit teachers for long term need of the program.

2) SafeSport/disciplinary – A situation that was brought to Sean & Laura (not safe sport) was shared with board. As per policy, details omitted in public minutes due to privacy issues.

3) Travel Planning – Rob reviewed the plans for both Pittsford and now Nationals since bids have been submitted.

- a) Pittsford – 7 Chaperones are lined up, room lists made by coaches, 2 buses reserved. Sat 5/28 the bus departure to the Regatta is set for 6am. Racing will be afternoon on Saturday and all day Sunday. Sat morning there will be two buses leaving staggered from hotel to race, kids will get line ups and know what bus they need to be on as soon as racing schedule is released & confirmed. Group buffet dinner is scheduled at hotel starting at 6pm for athletes and families that have paid ahead of time. Sunday all athletes will have breakfast at hotel beginning at 6am, first bus leaving at 6:30 am. One racing is done and all boats are derigged and loaded the bus will bring all team members home for approximate arrival at HSE 8pm. The buses will be stopping at rest stop so kids can buy their own dinner on way home.

- b) Nationals – Rob has put in block of 20 rooms. It will be Saturday racing. The kids will go by bus on Friday day before at Noon so they can rig boats and practice the course. Scheduled and details will be coming once all bids are accepted and coaches receive the information.
- 4) Financial Report – Nancy gave update and handed out an overview financial report through March. Pittsford collections are entered and up to date. The flower sale provided 9k in profit and that is also in the numbers. A full financial statement from QuickBooks will need to be presented at the June meeting. Nancy will confirm with Jackie that she will have this ready.
- 5) Flower Sale – 58 families participated with min sales or above. 12 families had partial sales and the rest were buyouts. R&K Nursery was very happy with sales and the vegetable with new packaging doubled from last year. Alan and Barb are already talking about what they'll do next time so unofficially are agreeing to run it again for us.
- 6) Combination of registration/email/Website into one service was discussed. This would automate the team greatly and also reduce some of the “one off” situations of not paying on time and having to chase down tuition payments. The concern is we'd lose some of the personal touch. It was mentioned that two local teams have suffered from lack of membership growth. BHills and SGS both have online registration. BHills growth problem may be tied to inception of their online registration. Shen Crew has on average 4 email contacts before a new member joins. Offering the two week trial period, comes in this interaction with new member. Online registration may sidestep that process, and we may lose potential new members. Extreme care needs to be taken before any change to online registration takes place. A dip in growth one year, can have dire effect on the team. We'd like also to keep our option of spreading out payments as been a more affordable way for many that all are accustomed to. Further research will be done on what other teams and all options would be to move to this type of arrangement.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.