

MINUTES FOR NW ROWING COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2007 at Lake Union Rowing Club

Present: Margaret Christopher, Karyn Crouthamel, Kathy McCormack, Jenny Simon, Jason Coffman, Ryan Monaghan, James Rawson

Not present: Jody Wilhelm, Tom Fuller, Matt Lacey

Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Jenny Simon, President.

Coach Mentor Program: Karyn Crouthamel

Discussion re: establishing guidelines and a request form for the program, including setting requirements for clubs to pay for a coach's expenses.

Website: Jenny Simon

Discussion regarding ongoing question about whether we should have our own website. Kathy agreed that the Council would take ownership of the current rownw.com website and the Board discussed that it needs to be converted so that the NW Rowing Council is prominent on the first page. Kathy agreed to make the necessary changes and post the website passwords and necessary information for its management on the Google Group.

Mike McQuaid Proposal: Margaret Christopher

Discussion re: Mike McQuaid having his news releases regarding juniors and elite rowing on the NWRowing Council website. The point was raised that we need to be representing all the other areas of rowing as well as juniors and elites, so we wouldn't want to appear biased by having the news releases up front. It was suggested that we ask Mike if he would be able to cover a broader spectrum of rowing, as well. Conclusion: We're interested in figuring out how to make the relationship work, but we would like to ask him to include information about a broader area of rowing.

Governance: Jenny Simon

Want to move forward to becoming a 501c3, no objections to that. Motion to proceed with 501c3, passed.

Motion for Jenny to be reimbursed for previously incurred governance expenses: motion, second, passed.

NW Awards Dinner: Margaret Christopher

Reported on PRF situation, concluding that the event might just be a Council event this year. Suggestion to charge \$5. at the door, ask JL to donate door prizes and advertize their new store, and offer LWRC a cash bar in exchange for use of the room. We will also put it on the agenda for next November to ask the Council membership whether they would like us to spend our effort and money on this from now on.

Awards: Kathy will create voting form. Jody is going to order actual plaques. Margaret will finish organizing the event.

Regatta Box: Kathy wants to know what's in the regatta box. James will provide inventory, and all inquiries go to James, and the fee schedule. Jody will send the fee schedule to James. We would like to ask NK for a discount on a couple of strokewatches.

Income and Budget: Jenny Simon

We have approximately \$18,000. There's some money still outstanding from the Regional regattas that James will keep us informed. Karyn is going to draft the criteria for coach mentoring program, it can go on the website as a fill-in form. Jenny and James will determine what needs to be purchased for the regatta box.

Next Meeting: Jenny Simon asked if we could have a Board meeting on March 18 and the Board agreed.

Meeting adjourned by Jenny Simon at 6:05