

MINUTES

Northwest Rowing Council
Junior Sub-Committee
January 30, 2010
Lake Union Boathouse
Seattle, WA

Meeting brought to Order 2:13 PM.

Agenda was approved with the addition of “Opening Day Qualification Criteria” between points 3 and 4 on the agenda, and the removal of point 4(b)ii – Proposal to eliminate Youth events.

Minutes for the previous meeting (November 2009) were approved.

Transfer Rule

Tom announced that the members of the new subcommittee are:

- Lyn Wylder
- John Wylder
- Andy Everett
- Win Rumsey
- Katie Brooks
- Erin O’Connell
- Sam Taylor
- John Fuchs
- Chris Lang
- Rachel LeMieux

The process that will occur for transfer requests is that a request will be submitted to Tom; 3 people from the committee will be chosen by Tom to make the decision, and once a decision has been reached, notice will be sent to clubs involved.

It was pointed out that the request is only necessary if the athlete is rowing an YNC event at Regionals.

Tom informed the council that the proposed changes attached to the agenda were only clarifications to the rule and did not change the substance of the rule at all.

It was asked who the request needs to come from.

Tom responded that it can come from anywhere but the application does have to be signed by the athlete and both clubs involved.

There was a proposal that if both clubs wanted the transfer, that should be enough for a hardship.

Tom responded that specific issue was discussed previously and that he didn't want to get into it at this point in time.

He is planning to have the committee address how the rule is working and make suggestions on any changes after going thru this cycle of transfer requests.

February 7th, is the deadline for a transfer request for the 2010 Regionals. The requests will be decided by February 21st.

A question was asked that if an athlete is ineligible to row at Regionals because of the transfer rule, can they row at Nationals?

Jason responded that it was his understanding that if an athlete is deemed ineligible at regionals, USRowing deems them ineligible at Nationals. He will check into that a little further.

The team may still petition to include that athlete.

Concerns were raised that this rule was never officially voted on.

Concern was raised that we are going back to a rule that is binding in July when the committee has just been formed in the recent month.

Jason reiterated that the rule in the packet was the rule that was adopted in January of 2008.

Seeding

Steve asked if we should base seeding on Brentwood since that is the reason most of the seeding is done by.

Jason said in the email that 6, 7, 8 and 9 don't have a rank at Brentwood.

A question was raised that if the crew wasn't at Brentwood, how would we rank them.

Seeding is based off heat times etc...

It was noted that as long as the top 4 seeds are evenly spread throughout the heats and are pretty good choices the majority of the time, then it doesn't matter much.

Steve moved to use Brentwood to seed boats. There was no second.

Jason asked for volunteers for the seeding committee in the case of a tie.

- Courtney Moeller (SRA)
- Ed Maxwell (GLC)
- Bryan Wagner (LSRC)
- Steve Hertzfeld (Lakeside)

- Steve Dani (PRC)
- Padraic JMcGovern (ERA)
- Nick Haley (RCRC)

Opening Day Invites

Ed spoke that in the past UW has done invites for Opening Day. Last year Jason and Ed were informed (with very little lead time) that the region was responsible for the Junior invites.

After speaking with Mike Callahan, he would like the region to tell them what the criteria for qualifying for Opening Day is.

Mike also mentioned the possibility of switching the HS8+ to a 4x+

Ed asked 5 people to com up with qualification criteria for Opening Day

- Connor Bullis (Lakeside)
- Coby Stites (GLC)
- Courtney Moeller (SRA)
- Kip Nordby (PRC)
- Caitlyn McClain (Holy Names)

Ed noted that we need something by the end of March.

It was noted that this is not a regional decision, but that the sub-committee will send out what they came up with for some feedback from the region.

Regionals

Volunteers

Jason reminded everyone that volunteers for Friday are required of all clubs. Submit the volunteers with the registration packet.

Schedule

4(b)i

Progression 'c' is what has been attached to the agenda except that the reps on Friday afternoon do not exist.

Steve discussed that is allowed more competition.

Steve proposed putting the semi's for the ltwt2x on Friday afternoon where the reps are located on the schedule that was attached, with finals on Saturday morning.

It eases the burden on Sunday for those athletes that might have to double up.

It was clarified that he was proposing semis on the same days as the heats for all YNC events that meet the criteria.

There was a brief discussion about moving the deadline earlier to the week after Brentwood.

Nick commented that he was worried about switching all YNC events because it could greatly impact the schedule because of the unknowns that we faced.

Conal commented that what he liked about Steve's proposal was that any event he could double up at YNC, he could do it at regionals. The other schedule, he couldn't do that.

There was a motion to approve the Progression 'c' schedule with semis on the same day at the heats, for the LTWT 2x. If weather does not allow the LTWT 2x semi to occur, then the top 2 from each heat would move to the finals with next fastest non-qualifying time racing in Lane 7. Seconded and unanimously approved.

4(b)iii

Ed proposed to run final-only YNC events in seeding heats. It would allow the crews to have a practice run before the final, since our region does not allow practice.

It was noted that it would add 3 races on Friday.

It was moved and seconded to race the current finals-only YNC events in seeding heats. 2 opposed/15 in favor. Motion passed.

4(b)iv

Motion to approve the Courtney's schedule suggestion as attached to the agenda to create more room between the 8+'s. Seconded. 1 opposed/6 in Favor. Motion Passed

Exemption

It is estimated that the exemption as stated on the agenda would create approximately 20 more entries spread throughout the YNC events.

Conal raised concern that we voted 2 years ago to move to the 2 event limit to consolidate the regatta and now we want to blow it back up. The only way he would vote for the exemption would be if it benefitted the region financially.

Corinne discussed exempting an event instead of the current proposal.

Tom asked about trying it for small clubs but didn't have a definition for a small club. Jason noted that had been discussed in the past with little success.

James noted that in his opinion, the most logical way would be to exempt the 1x.

Ed noted that the region is on the honor system for the 2 athlete rule anyway, so this shouldn't be much change logistically.

It was noted that one result of excluding a specific event is that there will be an explosion in the entries for that event.

Nick noted that the region has started talking about getting rid of the 3v and 4v events and that scares him. He would rather race them than race the “good” rowers.

It was noted that sometimes clubs need help to get everyone to race and this proposal offers that help.

It was moved to pass on voting on this proposal this year, gather more data and look at it next year. No second

Jason noted that he anticipates that it will impact the schedule.

Steve noted that it would change the progression

It was moved allow each team one entry per gender which will not count against those athletes’ event limit. Seconded. 7 approve/10 opposed. Voting to stay open per the bylaws for the 48 hour window for long distance clubs to vote.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted.
Patrick Harbison

Next meeting to be held November 7, 2010.