

## MINUTES

Northwest Rowing Council  
January 30, 2010  
Lake Union Boathouse  
Seattle, WA

Present: Patrick Harbison (LOCR/PVRA), Michael Callahan (UW), Pasha Spencer (ERA), Courtney Moeller (SRA), Sarah Low (SRA), Sam Greenblett (SRA), Erin Dory (OAR), Kendra Bodhaine (LSRC), Brian Wagner (LSRC), James Blankenship (CBRC), Tony Andrews (SRA), Hanna Floss (SRA), Jason Coffman (MBR), Nick Haley (RCRC), Padraic JMcGovern (ERA), Corinne Lombardi (ARC), Tom Fuller (USRowing/PVRA), Conal Groom (LUC), Karla Candis (RVR), Penny Candis (RVR), Fleming Brainerd (NCC), Jennifer Huffman (NCC), Kathy McCormack, Elaine Christensen (Lakeside), Conor Bullis (Lakeside), Steve Hertzfeld (Lakeside), Morgan Seeley (Bainbridge), Alan Stewart (Vancouver Lake), Kip Nordby (PRC), Caitlin (Holy Names), Steve Dani (PRC), Nat Hopper (PRC), Ed Maxwell (GLC), Barb Cummins (LSRC), Bob Cummins (LSRC), Coby Stites (GLC), James Rawson (USRowing) via telecommuting

Meeting brought to Order 1:06 PM.

Jodi Announced that she is stepping down from the board this year.

Agenda was approved with the addition of moving 3.3 (Opening Day) on the agenda near the beginning.

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

Mack, with the Seattle Yacht Club, spoke about Opening Day

All local clubs will receive a letter and survey in next 2 weeks.

It is important that it is filled out properly

All participants must be USRA members although this is not a USRA sanctioned event.

Opening Day is on May 1<sup>st</sup>

### Treasurers Report

Conal Groom reported that the bank account was just under \$16,000 with no change since November.

### Board Report

There are elections for open positions to be discussed later in the agenda.

### US Rowing Reports

*US Rowing*

Tom Fuller reported that he has never seen it running better. He estimated it would make ~\$80K this year and the National team was within Budget.

The bylaws had been passed.

On a personal note, he wanted to say that Chris Gruetz was running against Mr. Dietz for Male Vice President. Chris is an OSU graduate that has been very involved in the rowing community. He said that anyone can vote for Male VP, not just males and he encouraged everyone that could vote to vote.

Penny Candis asked if it was acceptable to have a masters West Coast Championship, since nationals are on the east coast again.

Tom responded that he recollected that only one bit was accepted for nationals so that is where they proposed to hold them.

#### *Referee Commission*

Bob Cummins handed out Heal Tie measurement devices (7.5 cm square plastic)

He noted that flexi feet should not be tied around the sides but have holes drilled in the base to use.

For weigh-in at regionals:

Weight packets will be made up ahead of time in ½ pound increments.

That means that if you are 0.4 lbs under you will get 0.5 lbs of weight. If you are 0.6 lbs under, you will get 1 lb weight.

Larger weight requirements will still be filled by the coxswain themselves.

Bob would like to know when the region would like the weigh in window to occur and when they feel the cut-off time should be.

USRowing is always looking for referees.

#### *Youth Committee*

Jason noted that USRowing is looking for sites for the 2011 Nationals and beyond. They are looking for a 4 year contract.

The committee is requesting a 2-year contract

The committee would like to see nationals move around the country more.

The bid packet is online, deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

He was not sure if the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June was locked in or if it could be moved slightly.

#### *Masters Committee*

Kathy McCormack reported that there was nothing new.

Masters Nationals is on the east coast because that was the only bid.

## Active Business

### *Regional Championships*

James noted that the regional championship site selection will be earlier than last year. Bid Packets are due April 5<sup>th</sup> with the selection being announced July 14<sup>th</sup>.

James addressed some of Jay's concerns that have been expressed over email.

The region is working on incorporating clubs from long distances into the meeting, via Skype, phone, etc... There were logistical concerns that needed to be figured out.

Seed programs by charging \$1/entry to help programs get off the ground.

Conal suggested to James to inform him about the grant program in place to assist clubs with concerns such as this.

Lake Stevens will have some new stuff for masters regionals this year to make it more exciting.

### *Regatta Calendar*

Kathy noted that everything that she has received is up on the calendar.

All events must be sent to Kathy. She does not visit the websites to check if a regatta is happening again.

Everyone can use the list to inform the region of events and other announcements.

### *RVR Update*

Karla Candis noted that their benefit Breakfast is February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am to 9 am, at the Renaissance Hotel. Cost is \$30. More information can be found at [www.raniervalleyrowing.org](http://www.raniervalleyrowing.org)

### *Grant Program*

Jodi reminded the council that it is available to anybody in the region.

Tom Fuller reported that information for the grant program is on the Website.

### *Board Openings*

The Master position and AT-Large Position held by Kathy and Jodi respectively expired last November. They must be filled by next November.

When asked for nominations for the Masters position, no-one readily volunteered. It was requested to take back to the clubs to discuss. Nominations and any questions will need to be sent to Kathy.

**The At-Large Position**

Tom nominated John Wylder for the position. Seconded.

Courtney Moeller was nominated and seconded.

Caitlyn McClain was nominated and seconded.

<Nominees left>

It was discussed that the nominees should “market” themselves. And voting could take place electronically.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to keep elections open, have the nominees “market” themselves and vote electronically.

Elaine will work with the Board to set up electronic voting system.

All positions will need to be voted on in November.

*Award Nominations/Dinner*

Caitlin announced that the dinner is February 27<sup>th</sup>, 3 – 7pm at the Lake Union Boathouse. The link is on their website.

Kathy announced the nominees for the awards and noted they will be available on the website. Deadline for voting will be February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 vote per USRA Sanctioned Organization.

Meeting adjourned 2:05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Patrick Harbison

Next meeting to be held November 7, 2010.