

MINUTES FOR NW ROWING COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

March 25, 2007 at Lake Union Rowing Club

Board Members Present: Margaret Christopher, Karyn Crouthamel, Kathy McCormack, Jenny Simon, Jason Coffman, Ryan Monaghan, Tom Fuller

Guests: Mike McQuaid, Simon Litherland

Board Members Absent: Jody Wilhelm, Matt Lacey

Meeting called to order at 10:37 a.m. by Jenny Simon, President.

Mike McQuaid's Proposal to Team with the Council

Mike McQuaid attended the beginning of the meeting and answered questions regarding his proposal. Discussion continued for 45 minutes.

Mike left. Discussion followed.

*Motion: Should we move forward with a relationship with McQuaid & Co. Seconded
Passed with one opposed*

Next step: subcommittee to draft written agreement for one year and a way to submit story ideas to him. Margaret, Ryan, Jason.

Projects with Rowing BC

Simon Litherland, President of Rowing BC. Simon discussed the idea of a cross-border racing series to provide a way of tracking the progress of masters athletes, like juniors and collegiate and elites. We want to create a way for masters athletes to achieve and recognize each others' achievements. We want to take advantage of the North/South connection to promote the sport at the masters level. Point system to recognize the fastest rowers, crews and clubs. Key regattas: HOTL, HOE, NWRegionals, BC Championships, plus a race from each country to change each year. We would encourage clubs to hold their own regattas. Hope is that by having rotation of regattas, it will encourage more participation. Tom: let's make it social as well as competitive. Karyn: do a Henley-style elimination tournament.

*Motion: Allow Simon and Margaret to develop the concept and submit proposal to our respective organizations, seconded.
Passed.*

Coach Mentoring Program

Karyn discussed proposed program with handout. We would provide a list of mentor coaches to clubs who needed coach mentoring, coaches can travel to clubs that request it. Could we use Council money to support the mentor coaches? Council at last meeting suggested that the clubs provide the support for the mentor coaches. Tom is going to contact US Rowing about insurance coverage for mentor coaches. Margaret will work with Tom to pose the questions to US Rowing. Ask Council counsel about the stipend/volunteer/tax issue. Karen will propose numbers for fee structure.

Grant Program

Jenny talked about the instructions from the Council to create a grant program. Council suggested that we use up to \$10,000/year. Tom says one of our principal roles is to expand rowing in the region and we are derelict if we don't provide some assistance. Tom volunteered to write something for the Council. Margaret suggested we need a process, an application, a required format. On a related subject, Tom said that Regionals need to move around so that the positive economic impact is spread around. Bellingham,

Klamath Falls, Sammamish; the more venues we have the better for the sport and the communities it is in. Tom will draft a proposal on how the grant program works.

Meeting adjourned by Jenny Simon at 12:45 p.m.