

MINUTES

Northwest Rowing Council
January 31, 2009
Lake Union Boathouse
Seattle, WA

Present: Tom Fuller (PVRA/US Rowing), Jay Schindler (Ewanna), Jason Coffman (Mt. Baker), Kathy McCormack (Sound Rowers), Caitlin McClain (Holy Names), Conal Groom (Lake Union), Gretchen Haase Frederick (SRA), Marcy Chartier (SRA), Courtney Moeller (SRA), Greg King (SRA), Ann Geiw, PRC, Coby Wittes (GLC), Ed Maxwell (GLC), Marty Beyer (Everette), Steve Hertzfeld (Lakeside), Fleming Brainerd (NCC), Patrick Harbison (LOCR), Lisa Schlenker (LOCR), Julian Zimich (RVR), Stefan Koch (Mt. Baker), Conor Bullis (Lakeside/LWRC), Bob Cummins (Referee), Barb Cummins (LSRC), Morgan Seeley (Bainbridge), Kendra Bodhaine (LSRC), Brian Wagner (LSRC), Nick Haley (RCRC), Padraic McGovern, Ann Robinson (NCC)

Meeting brought to Order 2:39 PM.

Agenda was approved with no additions

Minutes for the previous meeting (November 2008) were approved.

Treasurers Report

Jason Coffman reported that the bank account was currently at \$15,749. The only action last year was a \$2,500 grant. We are currently caught up to date with US Rowing for 2007, but the check was not itemized for 2008, so it is still being reconciled.

Board Report

Jason Coffman reported that the board is being streamlined (made smaller) to allow activities to be streamlined. Discussion late in meeting.

US Rowing Reports

US Rowing

Tom Fuller reported that US Rowing has adopted new by-laws effective January 1st that:

- Created new membership on the board (athlete position). The board will be 80% organization, 20% athlete.
- The quorum definition changed to 20% of registered organization is considered a quorum.
- The committees were restricted to include an athlete representative on all committees.

Referee Commission

Bob Cummins reported that a referee clinic will be held at Lake Washington on March 15th at 9:30.

Youth Committee

Jason Coffman reported that the structure changed with the addition of athletes (Hillary Dano and Julia McCury).

Masters Committee

Kathy McCormack reported that the committee is in limbo waiting for athlete selections.

Active Business

US Rowing

- Both regionals (Juniors and Masters) will be held at Vancouver Lake in 2009. The masters date is noted wrong on Regatta central but right on US Rowing (June 26th 28th).
- The next site should be named at the end of the previous years regional championships.
- Bid Packets are on US Rowing Website and a link will be placed on Row NW website.

Regatta Calendar

- Head of the Lake will be held the 1st weekend in November, in conjunction with Frostbite (November 7th and 8th)
- Seattle Henley will be held the day after the Greenlake Spring Extravaganza. Information is available on Regatta Central.
- Opening Day – Entry information is going out soon to the US Rowing contact within each club.
- Regattas should be sent into Kathy McCormack to be added to the Row NW Calendar.

Ranier Valley Initiative

- The initiative would provide rowing scholarships to the less fortunate kids.
- The current program is going well with 12 participants in fall and a 100% return rate.
- The 1st Annual Benefit Breakfast will be held on February 27th at Fair Start Downtown.

Grant Program

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

Board Structure

- The board needs to be active with everyone on it wanting to be on it.

- Proposal is to drop from 7 members to 5 members by eliminating 2 at-large positions.
- The current structure is representatives for masters, juniors, open rowers, collegiate and 3 at-large positions.
- The proposed structure would include transferring any empty positions to an at-large position at re-evaluate at the end of the next term.
- The representative of the US Rowing Board of Directors (currently filled by Tom Fuller) would be ex-officio.
- Patrick Harbison would fill an at-large position transferred from the empty collegiate position at this time.
- Structure was approved.

Award Nominations/Dinner

Kathy McCormack reported that the voting would be by council, allowing 2 votes per organization. Nomination will be available on the website.

Meeting adjourned 3:24 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted.
Patrick Harbison

Next meeting to be held November 8, 2009.