

NOTES FROM NW ROWING COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

November 11, 2006 at Lake Washington Rowing Club

US Rowing Report: Tom Fuller

- USRA wants to put all governance issues into its Constitution rather than Bylaws
- Convention: the Board Meeting included reps from each committee
- Second adjournment of vote on National Team Athletes voting issue
- Tom will send a report that can be posted at the Council's website

Ref Commission: Rachel LeMieux

- Rule Changes have been proposed and are on the USRA website. Action will be taken in December at the USRA meeting in Portland.
- Masters committee proposed static refereeing again, the Committee voted 8-1 against static refereeing, safety issues were the main reason
- FISA Worlds may change their rules on the static ref issue as well

Junior Men's Committee Report

- Sam Sweitzer in Sacramento will be running a development camp for 4- and 2- to compete at trials
- Testing info for boys and girls is not public anymore and will be sold to colleges for \$500 each. \$\$ goes to the junior national team.

Junior Women's Committee Report

- Hargis is head coach for two years. Selection and Development camp at Coast Guard Academy this year, as usual.
- UW High Performance camp will be invitation only

Collegiate Report: Jenny Simon

- Juliane Zimlich will report on the PRF outreach program at the Annual Convention
- Division 3: clubs can race colleges in scrimmage matches
- Division 1: not sure if this is ok in Division 1

Regionals: James Rawson

- US Masters Nationals was truly excellent on all counts, many thanks to the LOC, Green Lake
- Regionals: bid packet needs to be developed for '08, PVRA has the bid for '07.
- Medals: regionals medals can be customized, so different clubs can create a medal for each year. Clubs will be able to submit designs.
- REGIONAL REGATTA DATES (moved, voted on, approved):
 - Junior Regionals: May 18-20
 - Masters Regionals: June 22-24
- Both Regional Regattas in 2007 will be at PVRA, Vancouver Lake, WA

Referee Issue: Tom Fuller

- Aging population of referees means we need more refs soon. Elizabeth Webb collected names of people interested in reffing but follow through will be important
- Rome Ventura suggested that each club should be responsible for finding one freshman parent each year to become a ref.
- Recruiting materials are available on the USRA website
- Highlights: You must be 21+, be able to swim 100 yards or float for 15 minutes, be an individual member of USRA, period of observation, then written exam, 2-4 years as an assistant ref, evaluation, final exam (10 questions, open book) plus practical exam at a Regional Championship
- Costs: uniforms, megaphones, stopwatch, floatsuit, travel, lodging (sometimes covered). You can stay an assistant ref forever now, which helps avoid the requirements of a full license.
- Clinic: January 13, 8-12 at LUC
- Reducing costs would be great. Rachel noted that the cost is prohibitive. Rowing BC provides some of the things that their refs need.
- Rome and Ed Maxwell proposed that the Council use some money to support 5 refs per year.
- Rachel said that local NW clubs have been good about stipends, food and lodging.
- USRA gives \$75/day for Regionals, but three day regattas require a lot of out-of-region refs, so airfare for them would be helpful too.
- Rome: LOC's should pay for refs.
- Jenny: Council Board will look at this issue and make proposal at next Board meeting.

Coach Mentoring Program: Jody Wilhelm

- NWRC wants to hold different programs for coaches throughout the year, and set up a coach mentoring program. Level 1 requirements include ridealongs, but this would provide more coaches as mentors than the USRowing list provides.
- Jody and Karyn Crouthamel have put together materials for basic LTR program
- We want to provide a contact point for coaches to come to for a variety of information

End of Council Meeting