

WJ Crew Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2014

Secretary: Barb Biesecker

Attendees: Stu Bassin, Barb Biesecker, Allison Bouquet, JB Brown, Tiia Karlen, Kjersti Lupo, Patty Porter, Stephen Pruitt, Nimrod Schmul, and Eric Voit. Head Coach: Emma Green

Agenda Topics:

Call to Order

Stephen Pruitt

Action: The first public Board meeting was called to order at WJHS and members introduced.

November Meeting Minutes

Barbara Biesecker

Action: The November minutes were unanimously accepted and will be posted to the WJ website.

Treasurer's Report

Patty Porter

Discussion: A projected budget was proposed for January-June, 2014 that would leave approximately \$4,000 at the end of spring season.

Action: The projected budget was unanimously approved.

Financial Report

Stuart Bassin/Patty Porter

We will spend over \$100,000 from January-June; \$1700/rower. Our greatest expense is the bus service to Bladensburg (there are plans to re-bid this expense).

Action: The Board unanimously approved a fee of \$1,100 for spring registration. The Board authorized Eric Voit and Emma Green to rent/buy boats and other equipment up to \$7,000. The Board authorized Eric Voit and Emma Green to make a proposal in February to hire assistant coaches within a budget allocation of \$24,000. The Board requested that Coach Emma finalize the spring regattas with a list of entry fees up to \$4000 and make a proposal to the Board in February. [This amount will be requested from the Booster Club]. The Board unanimously approved use of \$1,600 by Coach Emma and parents maintaining the launches and trailer for repairs and fuel.

Discussion of Old Business

Winter Program Update/Spring Season Needs

Emma Green

Discussion: Coach Emma provided updates on National Scholastic Rowing Association (NSRA), Winter Conditioning and Spring Recruitment. The NSRA voted to add a Scholastic Nationals event that will be held this year in Sarasota Springs NY on June 14, 2014. This is a sign of positive changes in scholastic rowing. We automatically qualify but are not likely to enter the first event.

57 students are enrolled in winter conditioning. Mid-January is the toughest time of the year for the rowers. February 1, 2014 is Mid-Atlantic Erg Sprints held in Alexandria, VA. We will move directly from winter conditioning into spring season on February 24, 2014. As it warms up, Saturday practices will be mandatory. There will likely be seven spring regattas, including one exclusively for novices. If WJ qualifies, there may also be boats going to Nationals in Mercer, NJ May 22-24th. The Baltimore Invitational will be held over the first weekend of spring break. Practice will be held Monday-Thursday of the break with morning and evening practice and fun activities in-between. The practice schedule will be similar to last year's with practices M, T, Th, Fri, and Sat on the water. Wednesday practice will be added the last seven weeks once the regattas begin. Recruiting for Spring Season will begin soon.

Action: Coach Emma will list the spring regattas on the WJ website calendar.

Fundraising Update/Auction

Tiia Karlen

Discussion: Plans for a new venue for the auction were not realized so the auction will be held similarly to

last year on March 8, 2014 in the WJ Cafeteria. The auction will not have an entry fee, food and music will be provided and some entertainment during times when information is entered into the computers. The wreath sale made \$2400 but to date we had only made \$600 on pizza cards.

Action: Tiia requested that parents and rowers begin soliciting donations-a letter was recently sent out with a donation form.

Equipment Update

Rick Williams (attendee)

Discussion: Paul Whitehouse, Les Biesecker, Mark Johnston and Rick Williams compose the equipment maintenance team. They have worked on the four launches and are keeping an inventory of repairs on a spreadsheet that includes information on all of the boats.

Action: The Board unanimously passed the motion to sell a fifth launch boat that is a "fixer upper."

Apparel Update

Ann Marie Cardoni (attendee)

Discussion: Ann Marie provided a full inventory of the WJ Crew gear. We have 173 clothes items worth about \$3,400 sale price. She proposes that we move the inventory quickly and adopt an on-line ordering system. Barbara Whitehouse presented information on the WJ Crew JL Team Store that will open January 20th for uniform orders. The store will offer splash jackets (\$131), Long sleeve Tech Shirt (\$29), Tights (\$37), Training Trou (\$31), Cap with logo (\$18), Men's uni (\$69) and Women's uni (\$72). The uniforms will be required for wear during regattas. An email will be sent to listserv when store is open for business and all items ordered (other than jackets) will arrive around March 7th.

Action: The Board endorsed the proposals to move the inventory and to adopt an on-line store rather than acquire and store unsold apparel.

New Business

The latest edition of the Docktalk newsletter was distributed at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Stephen Pruitt at 9:15 PM.

**Respectfully submitted by Barb Biesecker
Jan. 28, 2014**

Next Meeting: Will be held Feb. 18, 2014 at the Bieseckers: 5523 Oakmont Ave, Bethesda.

