

WJ Crew Board Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2014

Secretary: Barb Biesecker

Attendees: Stu Bassin, Barb Biesecker, Alison Bouquet, Tiia Karlen, Kjersti Lupo, Patty Porter, Stephen Pruitt (Chair), Nimrod Shmul, and Eric Voit. Head Coach: Emma Green

Agenda Topics:

March Meeting Minutes

Barbara Biesecker

Action: The March minutes were distributed unanimously approved after suggested edits are incorporated. They will be posted to the WJ website.

Treasurer's Report

Stu Bassin for Patty Porter

Discussion: We currently have a balance of \$46,000 in our checking account. Upcoming expenses include a boathouse rental fee of \$7,000 and \$5,000 to purchase plants for the sale. All the registration information is in and we are short registrations. Plans to negotiate payment plans were discussed.

Action: The Board approved the treasurer's report.

Financial Report

Stuart Bassin

Discussion: If all goes as budgeted, we can expect a \$4,000 surplus at the end of the season. We have fewer rowers than expected and thus only one bus (\$18,000/season) that saves costs. Yet we made less money from the auction. The missing registrations constitute the cushion to make it to the next season without a deficit. We discussed opportunities for creating a scholarship for eligible rowers. A third party is needed to review the finances of applicants. We are getting closer to making this possible by having a complete financial report.

Action: The Board accepted the financial report. Eric made a motion to investigate over the summer the possibility of implementing a scholarship program. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Old Business

Recruiting Update

Alison Bouquet

Discussion: There have been scheduling challenges to taking rowers to North Bethesda and Tilden Middle Schools to recruit. Dates selected are May 28th and June 3rd. Coach Emma suggested taking smaller groups of rowers to each school and to have them where their uniforms.

Action: Recruitment at the middle schools will take place May 28th and June 3rd.

Fundraising Update

Tiia Karlen

Discussion: The plant sale will be held May 3-4th at WJ. May 4th there will also be a car wash at the gas station in the corner of the parking lot at Montgomery Mall. The pizza cards are closed.

Action: The Board accepted the fundraising report.

Spring Season Update

Emma Green

Discussion: Spring season has been productive. It remains unclear how the team will do as the season unfolds. Emma has been working to get the team ready to compete at the Stotesbury Regatta.

Action: The Board accepted Coach Emma's report.

New Business

Legal Counsel

Discussion: Several issues have arisen that led to discussion of the need for legal counsel for the Board.

Action: The Board unanimously authorized Stephen to retain Stu as unpaid counsel to look into our liability insurance coverage.

Budget for Coach Davis

Discussion: Several equipment needs have arisen for the boys' team. Eric put forth a motion that Coach Davis be authorized to make appropriate equipment purchases.

Action: The Board unanimously authorized Coach Davis to make needed equipment purchases.

Stotesbury Regatta

Discussion: The dates are May 15-17, 2014. We discussed the costs of the regatta, including the hotel rate and bus costs. Efforts will be made to keep food costs down.

Action: A registration fee of \$380 was unanimously accepted. It was also decided that no rower would be allowed to travel to Philadelphia with the team who had not paid the registration fee to insure that we break even for the event.

End of the Season Party

Action: The end of the season party will be held at Alison Bouquet's house on June 7, 2014

The meeting was adjourned by Stephen Pruitt at 9:53 PM.

**Respectfully submitted by Barb Biesecker
June 4, 2014**



Next Meeting: Will be held June 4, 2014 at the Bieseckers: 5523 Oakmont Ave, Bethesda.