

WJ Crew Board Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2014

Secretary: Barb Biesecker

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

Agenda Topics:

April Meeting Minutes

Barbara Biesecker

Action: The April minutes were unanimously approved following edits by the Board. They will be posted to the WJ website.

Treasurer's Report

Stu Bassin for Patty Porter

Discussion: We have current figures for our income and expenses for spring season. We have brought in \$10,000 income and paid out about \$6,000 and are anticipating upcoming payroll and tax payments due. We made \$5600 on the plant sale, \$9600 on the auction, \$443 on the car wash. We have sufficient funds to remain in the black. Patty is working on developing the budget for next year. We may incur some professional accounting fees as the 2010 tax return was not filed.

Action: The Board approved the treasurer's report.

Financial Report

Stuart Bassin

Discussion: Work is being done to move to a single accounting book. There remain a few residual issues from past years that need to be resolved. We received a notice from the State of Maryland that we have not filed property taxes. Stu is investigating through the Secretary of State's office. Stu has also filed for an exemption from personal property taxes. They cost us in excess of \$10,000. We have not yet received a reply from the comptroller's office. Of the outstanding spring registrations, several have been paid or on negotiated payment plan. For those left unpaid from spring, no fall registrations will be accepted until past payment is received. There will be no exceptions.

Action: Nimrod offered to donate his staff to contact people to recoup overdue payments. The Board accepted the financial report.

Discussion of Old Business

Fundraising Update

Tiia Karlen

Discussion: Tiia discussed having the next Board member who does fundraising serve as a facilitator of many point people designated responsible for specific events.

Action: Tiia continues to work on a succession plan. The Board accepted the fundraising report.

New Board Slate: With Tiia's upcoming departure we have to plan for recruitment of a new board member.

Action: We will bring ideas for a new Board member to the July meeting for discussion and vote.

New Business

Stotesbury Regatta Future Planning

Discussion: In follow up to Stotesbury 2014, there will be further discussion with the team about appropriate behavior at regattas. The kids will be asked to sign a contract for Stotes 2-15 indicating that they understand the expectations and rules for behavior. We will remind parents that their kids are

responsible for their own behavior on the trip. We will consider limiting the number of alternates who attend Stotes.

During Stotesbury Coach Emma needs boats of kids to travel back and forth from the river to the hotel to rest. Rather than coordinate the need for all of the rides, next year each boat will have a parent contact (Boat buddy) and that parent will arrange for pick-ups and drop-offs as needed.

We will plan to have a thank you reception for the coaches and chaperones at the hotel. On Friday night the activity with the kids will be an evening barbeque outside by the river or a catered dinner at the hotel.

Action: Barb will seek a mentee and train him/her for Stotesbury 2015. We will reserve rooms in the same hotel.

Opportunities for Rowers and Coxswains

Discussion: Stu raised the concern that some seniors were not boated toward the end of the season and reiterated the importance of finding ways where kids who have been devoted to Crew throughout their four years have an opportunity to continue to actively participate. The Board discussed the importance of striving to win in balance with boating the team.

Action: Stephen will ask Eric to discuss with the coaches how to maximize our winning potential while boating as many of the team members as possible. We will also add information to the website about how boats are filled and seats assigned and address FAQs to help families understand coaching decisions.

End of the Season Party

Discussion: Plans for the end of the season party were discussed. The varsity boys four boat and Coach Davis will be in Sarasota Springs for Nationals II and will call in by Skype to participate in the party.

Action: The Banquet/Phelps family will host the party on Saturday, June 7th. Crew will supply the meat and beverages. Families will bring other food contributions according to last name.

The meeting was adjourned by Stephen Pruitt at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Biesecker
June 14, 2014



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