

WJ Crew Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2014

Secretary: Barb Biesecker

Attendees: Stephen Pruitt (Chair), Patty Porter, Kjersti Lupo, Stuart Bassin, Carlos Gonzalez, Eric Voit; Coaches Emma Green and Davis Bales (ex officio)

ACTION ITEMS

June Meeting Minutes

Action: The Board unanimously approval the July minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Stuart Bassin for Patty Porter

Discussion: Stu reported that we have \$54,000 in the bank. \$38,000 of it is from fall registration. All families are paid; six on payment plans. Projecting through the fall... worse case scenario zero budget, but we will not be in the red. We received \$4800 from Booster Club for regatta fees.

Action: The Board approved the treasurer's report.

Financial Report

Stuart Bassin

Discussion: Stu reported that the whaler launch is dead. Rick said we are at a deficit with launces. He found a new John Boat and motor that we can probably purchase for \$3000. Will need an independent CPA who can identify our financials who would do it in exchange for advertising.

Action: The Board unanimously approved the purchase of a new launch.

Coaches Report

Discussion: Fall registration includes: Fall: 35 Varsity and 22 Novices. Learn to Row starts on Sunday, Sept 15th with swim test and safety video. Learn to row will run concurrently with novice and varsity practice. Some of our novices come from summer learn to row. Learn to row will be seven days. Bus or van will be needed next week for Learn to Row.

There is good news about the Head of the Charles. Two Fours, one girls and one boys have been offered the opportunity to row in the HOC. We will take a total of ten kids to Boston. Coaches Emma and Davis are both going. Davis will row on Saturday. We need one parent per boat. Parents cannot be selected until we have line-ups from the coaches. We need four hotel rooms for the team. Parents will pay for their own rooms. We need the kids who are going to pay prior to the trip. Barb offered to make reservations for six rooms at the Fairfield Inn and Suites. She will also make dinner reservations near Revere on Friday night and in Harvard Square for Saturday night. Parents will pay for their food. The kids race on Sunday and then they leave early afternoon. We need enough drivers to get the rowers to Boston. Plans are to leave 5 AM Friday morning and return Sunday afternoon. Two boats will be going up with Washington College on their trailer. Kjersti and Barb offered to create a budget for the HOC. Food: The kids will bring lunch money to purchase food at the regatta and Crew will supply them with bananas, granola bars and water.

Emma will be traveling to Indonesia for two weeks starting Sept. 12th. She will miss the last two days of LTR, the Kensington 8 K and the first regatta. Someone will have to capture the emails that may come after LTR from those interested in registering. We need to determine the deadline for the LTR folks to register as novices.

Old Business

Fundraising Update

All Present

Discussion: Fund-raising ideas were discussed. Kjersti has been moving forward with a car wash on Sunday, September 25th. Paul Whitehouse will run it at the Exxon near Montgomery Mall. We are also considering fruit sales near the holiday. Carlie is interested in continuing to hold a wreath sale. We are considering auctioning off an I-Pad and tickets—each kid sells ten.

Action: The Board accepted the fundraising report.

New Business

Academic policy

Discussion: We need to enforce an academic policy for participation. It should be a 2.0 GPA or higher and no more than one F. The eligibility will be established and reinforced going forward. WJ is supposed to notify the team if a child is failing. We share the responsibility for an academic policy with WJ. If anyone believes there is any issue with academic performance please alert the Board. We submit the team roster to the school to check for eligibility to join the team. Coaches will discuss the policy with the team and we as a Board will discuss it with the parents. We were encouraged to be open with the parents to best support them and let them know that ineligibility is enforced. The policy will be added to the registration form. Stu offered to circulate the policy for discussion.

Action: The Board unanimously voted in support of establishing and implementing an academic policy.

In-School Sponsor

Discussion: We need an in-school sponsor to support the team.

Action: The Board unanimously endorsed identifying a WJ sponsor for the team.

Pasta Dinners

Discussion: Barb will schedule five Fall pasta dinners. She will be working to find a parent to take over scheduling the spring dinners.

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

Respectfully submitted by Barb Biesecker
Sept 11, 2014

Next Meeting: Will be held October 30, 2014 at the Bieseckers: 5523 Oakmont Ave, Bethesda.

