

# WJ Crew Board Meeting

## Minutes

June 28, 2015

**Attendees:** Chair, Stephen Pruitt; Members, Stu Bassin, Barb Biesecker, Carlos Gonzalez, Kjersti Lupo, Patty Porter, Eric Voit and Carlie Williams; and Coach Emma Green. **Absent were members:** JB Brown, Alison Bouquet and Grachel Javellana.

### Chair Action Items

#### April Meeting Minutes

**Barb Biesecker**

**Discussion:** Barb distributed the April minutes and asked the Board to read them carefully and submit any edits by email.

**Action:** The minutes were accepted with an additional week for further review and potential revision. They will then be sent to Mark Nathans for posting on the website.

#### Treasurer's Report

**Patty Porter**

**Discussion:** Financials are reconciled for August 1, 2014-July 31, 2015. This year we made \$12,327 in income after expenses. A big expense this year was the bus cost of \$57,925. We raised \$431 (based on 64 rowers) per rower this year. We are working toward maintaining a nest egg to cover potential unexpected expenses.

**Action:** Stephen made a motion to pay Eric Voit \$10,000 for half of the new boat that he paid for personally. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**Action Two:** Stephen proposed that we establish a line of credit account at the Wells Fargo Bank to purchase and finance boats to avoid depending on board members for financing boats. Stu noted that we would need to demonstrate collateral to be granted the account. Expenses would be paid as deemed appropriate by the Board with the priority being to pay off expenses with income and not credit. Every draw on the line of credit would require Board approval and would be reported in the minutes. Stephen made a motion to establish a line of credit account at Wells Fargo Bank. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**Action Three:** Stephen made a motion to pay Eric for the remainder of the boat loan using credit from a newly established line of credit at Wells Fargo Bank. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

#### Registration Fee Payment

**Discussion:** The Board discussed team members who have not yet paid a residual on their registration fees.

**Action:** A policy was proposed that going forward any family who fails to meet a payment option as agreed to with the Board must pay in full for prior and current obligations by the start of the next season in order to participate on the WJ Crew team. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the Board.

**Action Two:** A proposal was put forward that current families who are not paid in full will be sent a letter by the Board requiring full payment by July 15, 2015. The proposal was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

#### Legal Report

**Stu Bassin**

**Discussion:** We have not heard back about our appeal on property taxes, although we were told we would hear in 30 days time. So we do not know the status but it seems they may be considering our appeal.

**Action:** Stephen made a motion that Stu be reinstated for a year as legal counsel at the rate of \$1.00 per year. The Board unanimously accepted the proposal to continue to employ Stu for WJ Crew legal counsel.

### New Business

#### Honors Boat

**Discussion:** In the past we created an honors boat to display the name of families who donated significant effort and time to WJ Crew.

**Action:** Stu made the motion to add Barb and Les Biesecker's names to the honors boat. The motion unanimously carried. The Bieseckers were taken by surprise and very touched by this recognition.

**Nominations to the Board**

**Stephen Pruitt**

**Discussion:** Stephen raised discussion of nominations for New Board Members. Stephen confirmed that all returning Board members were added to the slate of officers for next year. Barb Biesecker, JB Brown, Grachel Javellana and Stu Bassin are all retiring from the Board. Stu will be retained for legal counsel but will not serve on the Board. Stephen put forward Kathy Scherer (Liam Cooper's mother) and David Owens (Kyra's father) who have professional skills that are needed on the Board.

**Action:** The Board unanimously approved the slate for the Board for next year. Stephen will invite Kathy and David to serve on the Board following the meeting.

**Boating Philosophy**

**Eric Voit**

**Discussion:** Eric raised issues about where we want the team to go. It involves setting expectations and avoiding interfering in boating decisions made by coaches. Eric circulated proposed guidelines that were discussed at length. Most Board members agreed that they were well considered but that it felt that to endorse them could be interpreted as interfering in coaching decisions. We agreed to continue to discuss the boating philosophy of the WJ Crew Team with the coaches but that no guidelines would be distributed at this time.

Stephen Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM

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**Respectfully submitted by Barb Biesecker  
August 12, 2015**



**Next Meeting:** Will be an open Board meeting held on August 6, 2015 at Walter Johnson High School.  
**Next Meeting:** Will be held April 14, 2015 at the Bieseckers, 5523 Oakmont Ave, Bethesda