

WJ Crew Board Meeting
April 18, 2016
7:30 pm

Carlie's House

Attendees:

Eric Voit
Carlos Gonzales
Kjersti Lupo
Carlie Williams
Dave Owens
Mark Nathans
Allison Bouquet
Kathy Schreier
Coach Emma

Agenda:

1. Financial Report - Positive numbers. Discussed future expenses and how to minimize bank fees.
2. To do list – discussed insurance, bus coordination liaison, regatta planning, writing of a manual of operations, photo book, and end of the year party planning.
 - a. Tentatively decided to have end of the year party on June 12, 2016, 4 pm.
 - b. Stotesbury Cup (May 19 – 21) – will stay at the same hotel as last year and same bus driver for transportation between the hotel and regatta site. Work out logistics of getting the rowers excused from school for the regatta.
3. Plant Sale – May 7-8. Several parents working on plant sale and presales; signs about the plant sale will be posted near the school.
4. Get On Board is about done and was very successful in raising funds. Ordered T-shirts for sale that include a list of sponsors on the back.
5. Auction is wrapping up. Discussed how to make the auction more productive in terms of fundraising compared to the amount of work put into the auction.
6. Team Manager – Discussed hiring a team manager. Reviewed list of administrative duties and Team Administration Contract. Motion with second to hire a team manager. All approved. Will do a background and credit check. Team manager will work with individual crew parents on respective duties.

7. Coaches report

- Regatta fees discussed.
- Season is going well. Attendance is good and spirits are good.
- Equipment –
 - Need set of back stays for top 8 and for the Resolute.
 - Need another cox box or stroke coach mini.
 - Need a new launch; tracker.
 - Need new oars.
 - Identified funds for equipment.
 - Need equipment plan/financing plan.
- Need Board meeting in June to set the agenda for the summer.
- Start recruiting for women's coach in May.

8. Recruitment and Retention – Discussed going into the middle schools a little earlier, such as mid-May and set up a mini-Learn to Row for two days in May to introduce them to rowing. Set summer dates for official Learn to Row. Discussed parent get together to work on recruiting.

9. Change in club rules/Montgomery County Public School Rules

- a. Considered a community club not affiliated with WJ in any way, which has a significant impact on the crew team.
- b. Need to have a positive relationship with the school.
- c. Discussed whether athletic groups can be clubs. Can a competitive athletic team be a club under current MCPS policy?
- d. Discussed options for addressing MCPS's "policy" regarding crew teams and clubs.

End time: 9:30 p.m.