

**WJ Crew Board Meeting  
Parents Meeting  
February 9, 2017  
7:30 pm  
Carlos' Clubhouse**

**Board Attendees:**

Christi Gibbons  
Carlie Williams  
Kathy Schreier  
Mike Hicks  
Coach Lalley  
Annie Rose

Mark Mann  
Eric Voit  
Carlos Gonzales

Parents/Board Meeting

**Agenda:**

1. Introduction of Board Members
2. Budget (Christie) – Presentation of the budget.
  - a. Separated into Fall, Winter and Projected Spring revenue and expenses.
  - b. Identified the largest budget expense as the bus needed to transport rowers to the boat house.
  - c. Away regattas are usually separate expenses.
  - d. Discussed fundraisers – amount coming in this year is lower than last year. This year we are not doing the auction and the team is not getting booster funding. So, other fundraising and plant sale are crucial to bring in additional funds for the team.
  - e. We are trying to recruit more rowers, which will help with expenses.
  - f. We are working on addressing the PG County property tax assessed on the team and the possibility of getting a tax exemption, which would help reduce expenses.
  - g. Discussed options to reduce some costs, e.g., having surcharge for bus for Spring Break, eliminating the bus for Wednesdays which usually is a land day.
    - i. Vote – in favor of paying additional surcharge for bus during Spring Break?  
Majority of parents present at the meeting voted in favor of the surcharge.
3. Volunteer Positions
  - a. Presentation from Mike explaining need for volunteers to help the team. Provided overview of four key areas in which we need help. There are sign-up sheets for after the meeting.
    - i. Recruitment (Alison) – involves list serve postings, recruiting in April/May in middle schools where volunteer takes some rowers to the middle schools to talk about WJ Crew. [Joinatwalterjohnson.org](http://Joinatwalterjohnson.org).
    - ii. Treasurer Assistant (Christie) – We need to fill the position of an assistant to the Treasurer. Volunteer can select their areas of interest for purposes of helping,

such as payroll, registration. Volunteer can pick the job; primary point is that help is needed.

- iii. Plant Sale (Elizabeth) – April 29/30 are the dates for the plant sale. Link to the plant sale at the WJ Crew website. Link to all volunteer opportunities for the plant sale on the website. There is a big regatta that weekend (States), so there is concern that it will be difficult to get volunteers for the plant sale for that weekend. Adding pre-orders for pick-up on Saturday, May 13, right before Mother's Day. Need help on sale dates. We also need others to spread the word about the plant sale leading up to the sale.
  - iv. Get on Board (Annie) – Should be our biggest fundraiser, but it has been difficult to get parents to help solicit contributions from businesses, who in most cases are willing to contribute because they get their logo on t-shirts/trailer, banner, etc.
  - v. Riverside (Jill) – Need volunteers to help with food, cooking, and food tent. Need help setting up in the morning (get best parking spots) with tables, coffee, and food set up. Also need help with clean up. Need at least one person to do Spring Break week to get drinks/snacks to rowers at the boathouse.
  - vi. Bladensburg Invite (March 25)/WMIRA Championships (May 13) (Coach Lalley) – may be need for parent volunteers to help, e.g., timing, launch drivers, dock masters, stake boat. There will be instructions for the parents.
  - vii. Pasta dinners – need volunteers to host a house for the pasta dinners.
4. Sports Engine (Christie) – Sports Engine is going to be WJ Crew's new online registration for Spring. We hope to have it up no later than February 20. Parents need to set up a log-in which will also work for future sign-ups. Sports Engine is simple and user friendly. If a parent is on a current monthly payment plan, Christie will work with that parent to coordinate with the Sports Engine process.
5. Coach's Presentation (Coach Lalley)
- a. Updating unisuit uniforms this year. Team store should be open soon. Coach needs to confirm with sales representatives. Design has been finalized. Team store will have splash jackets (not mandatory). Required race uniform. White tech shirt in the store for cold weather (but if already have white shirt (e.g., under armour), that is fine to use as well).
  - b. Reviewed regattas;
    - i. Bladensburg Invite – March 25
    - ii. Darren Winslow Regatta – Occoquan – April 15
    - iii. Gunston Invitational/Manny Flicks – April 23
    - iv. Maryland State Championships – April 30
    - v. Novice WMIRA – May 6 (Novice only)
    - vi. WMIRA Championships – Potomac – May 13
    - vii. Stotesbury Cup Regatta– May 19-20
    - viii. SRAA Nationals – May 26-27
  - c. Team status
    - i. Rowers – lot of potential; winter training has been effective
    - ii. Rowers are ready to get on the water.

- iii. Rowers are getting good experience.
- iv. Engaging in fun activities to get through winter training.
- v. First potential day on the water is February 25. Would like to get boat house prep done earlier, such as Feb. 18.

6. Sign-up/Social

Closed: 9:00 p.m.