

June 20th, 2017 Board Minutes

The May minutes were accepted electronically on 5/26/17 and posted to website.

At 7:03pm the meeting was called to order at the Clifton Park Town Library. No members were present for open meeting.

Board Members present: Rob Partlow, Mary Hanratty, Mark Smrstik, Jon Slepski, Steve Obrien, Lora Becker, Scott McDonald, Roger Pelham and Nancy Paulsen. Also present: Mike Gilbert, Dave Clayman. Excused: Deb Curto, Barb Moore and Stephanie Pidgeon

1. Welcome to new board members and introduction of everyone. Confidentiality agreements were handed out to be signed by all members. Top goals for the year are raising of funds for equipment, pursuing new boathouse locations. A second informational meeting with Clifton Park being held tomorrow. Goals for club are to be set by Executive Director and the board to help in execution.
2. Officer nomination and vote was held. Rob Partlow was voted in as President and Scott McDonald was voted in as Vice President.
3. Coaches report for end of season.
 - a. Sean – Equipment has been returned from Florida race. New purchase of equipment is goal for the year. An inventory list will be provided for future newsletter and corporate fundraising with goals of 8 new seats and estimated cost of new boats (\$4k per seat). Sean will gather an equipment “wish list” that has been identified by Mike, Dave and Sean for upcoming season.
 - b. Mike – Equipment of boats, oars, launch, motors etc should be priority to constantly keep updating and prioritizing. Possibility to keep in mind is renting truck or equipment that can be cost effective way especially in spring with travel regattas. We’ve rented boats in past and can fill gaps.
 - c. Dave – Summary emailed prior to meeting. Boat repairs identified for this summer. Racks for equipment is short term goal. Mod program max goal is 50. Issue this past year has been 6th graders that are too small for equipment and program. Premier boat for Mod level is not a straight Quad. The existing boat we have needs repair before fall to add to availability. Maintenance repairs will require fiberglass work, wiring, painting etc. Truck will need brake repair before inspection next month.
4. Recruiting discussion. - Coaches to identify how many new members we are looking for at all levels. Bus and equipment capacity to be kept in mind. Recruiting events need to be more specific based on coach needs.
5. Summer program. Coaching for summer will be Mike, Kelly, Sean and Lindsey at Varsity level. Sarah, Maria and Lindsey will be coaching Mod & town program. Discussion of registration for summer and future programs was held. Delays in registration make it difficult for coach planning. Agreement of adding a registration deadline and late fee to be implemented for fall and going forward. 20 people so far have registered and reminder blast email went out this morning.
6. Henley Regatta discussion - Hotels reservations are made and non-refundable. Room for 28 athletes and 2 rooms for chaperones. Vans are reserved for travel. Currently we have two volunteer chaperones and need on more. Pricing was finalized and is lower than estimate. Mary, Jon and coaches to create blast to go out tomorrow with all details.
7. Philly Youth Regatta – Rooms for 62 rowers and bus reserved. We have one chaperone so far. Jon and Lora will need to connect about lunch to be provided.

8. Board roles was sent prior to meeting. Discussion of a few changes to be noted. All were in agreement of roles assigned to them. We will continue process to document jobs to pass along knowledge to new board members as existing members leave.
9. Fall pricing – We will need to increase fall tuition due to rent and busing increase of 10%. The exact increase will be done via email vote next week once the figures of current and new pricing are provided so BOD can confirm numbers and approve accurately.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.