

July 18th, 2017 Board Minutes

The June minutes were accepted electronically on 6/30/17 and posted to website.

At 7:04pm the meeting was called to order at the Clifton Park Town Library. Matt Grattan presented update at the open meeting after last month's meeting with town of Clifton Park about land for proposed location of future boathouse. A letter from FOSC needs to be drafted to the town with specs on proposed boathouse square footage, waterfront space for docks, how many cars and busses would be coming daily and times so they can get a clear idea of proposal. Sean, Mike and Dave will work on the letter and present to BOD before next meeting if possible. A committee will be formed to follow up on this and keep in touch with town and Chamber for grant writing and discussions.

Official board meeting called to order at 7:39

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

1. In the opening remarks Rob shared with board Mike made the decision to step down from Head Coach position but will remain as Varsity girls coach and oversee the Freshman girls coach. Mike also agreed to help train the mod coaches by having them ride in launch with him for the 8 days before Mod season starts and/or over summer as availability allows. Sean will absorb the Head Coach duties as Executive Director.
2. Transportation update – Blue truck has too many things needing to be fixed for inspection than would make feasible sense to spend. We are in need of leasing or purchasing new/used truck to tow boat trailer. Albany rowing is lending us their truck for the Philly youth regatta. Arrangements for truck to Henley being worked on. Rental companies not wanting to cross the Canadian border. Fall school bus transportation is set up, 2 Shen buses and 1 update bus. Jon to get start dates to school for Varsity/Freshman first day of school (9/6) and Modified the following Monday (9/11).
3. Fall pricing – An increase for fall pricing to cover the increase in rent and busing has been suggested. We did not have quorum to approve vote so conference call will be set up for this Thursday 7/20 at 7:00pm. Call in number to be emailed.
4. Coaches report for end of season.
 - a. Sean – Summer program is going well and attendance has been good. The boys are excited for upcoming Philly race which will be 1500 meters. Lindsey has been coaching the freshman boys which has been working very well. Sean sent out to board an equipment “wish list” that has been identified by Mike, Dave and Sean for upcoming season. A blast email will go out to membership for transparency and to ask for membership to assist in raising funds.
 - b. Mike – Girls summer practice has been going well. They have begun to work in their line ups for Philly and some have been attending extra practices in their small boats. Kelly returning for summer has been smooth transition.
 - c. Mod – Sean reported that Mod summer numbers have been lower than expected. Averaging ten kids every day which has allowed them a lot of water time. We're expecting the August learn to row may still receive some registrations in coming weeks that would help numbers.
5. Philly Youth Regatta – Rooms and bus reserved. Blast emails with details and departure information sent out with a reminder to go out this week. 3 Chaperones are Yonna P, Wendy W and Bob R. Lora Becker has made arrangements for the Saturday lunch and will be at Philly to run the tent.

6. Henley Regatta discussion - Hotels reservations are set, Vans Set, 3 chaperones (Nancy P, Donna C and Scott M (have volunteered. The unknown is the truck to tow the trailer. Sean & Mike reaching out to other teams and working on solution.
7. SPAC summer update was given after three concerts we received check for \$1,275 to date. SPAC cancelled one concert (Nickelback) as too many organizations were present and sent home two volunteers this week as well. We have some big concerts coming up and with the additional role of runner are hoping for high earnings for the equipment fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.