

# September 19th, 2017 Board Minutes

The August minutes were accepted electronically on 9/5/17 and posted to website.

At 6:15 the Board of directors and coaches had a tour of the Mohawk Harbor and Marriott facility for consideration of future partnership in hosting fall regatta location in 2018. The viability will be discussed and vetted out in coming months.

At 7:10pm the meeting was called to order at the Harborside Room at the Marriott in Schenectady.

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

1. Coaches report for beginning of Fall season.
  - a. Sean –Fall start is positive. The boys have already been practicing as a cohesive unit. Seniors are motivating new Varsity to step up which is encouraging to see. 12 rowers going to HOC on boys' team and final decisions will be after Mohawk Classic. Rowathon prep is set and awaiting for the smash party afterwards for boat demolition. Deadline is Friday before for TOF for fees and races so we are on track to have all entries on time.
  - b. Mike – New coaches are doing well. Monday is land work day due to Danielle needing to leave early. Mon, Wed, Fri circuit training it getting team into routine. Efforts of the girls has been very good and anticipation for HOF is high since only 8 will get to go. Mentoring feedback is good. Lindsey went in launch with Mike as much as possible. Her assistance for the transitioning Freshman was helpful since she worked with them as mods. Maria and Dave also came out a few times with Mike.
  - c. Dave – Mod numbers are low at twenty. The kids are not bringing friends onto the team like in past years. There are mod boats that need fixing and rewiring. He has reached out to set up scrimmages from Nisky and Burnt Hills for fall and will confirm once he gets confirmation from both teams. The gas shed revisions are working well and in need of another 3-gallon tank. Dave shared his truck died so he is no longer in position to assist in towing second trailer as in past. He shared due to low numbers and a project at work needing more of his time, he will step back from coaching this season. He'll work the first two weeks to make sure coaches are set to run in his absence and brief Sean on plan.
2. Finance Update – Nancy shared that the fiscal year numbers are being finalized and all will be given to the accountant on time for tax reporting by end of October. All bills are current and rowathon donations have started to arrive so she will begin tracking. FOSC is listed on Guidestar 501c listing and information is updated to present. The NY State Charitable organization site has also been updated by Sean so all is current.
3. Corporate Funding Update– Roger updated on the following:
  - a. Smash Party - all donations were received for the meals of Smash party with the exception of \$50 that Sean will cover with ccard. Venezia's, Primavera have donated pizza, Savemore has donated water, Bowman's have donated cider and Lindsey's orchard have made donation of apples.

- b. Truck update – truck has been inspected and write up from Gils has been provided. All cosmetic needs and parts will be donated from Franks. Battery and Brakes not covered but will need to be paid by team. Truck needs to be transferred from Gils to Franks for confirmed pricing and expectations. Therefore, we do not believe the truck will be ready for fall season towing so recommendation to rent from was made and agreed upon by all.
4. Regatta Update – Jon updated on the following:
- a. New Hampshire update – Jon confirmed bus is secured by US Coachways for New Hampshire. Rooming list will need to be provided to hotel by end of next week. Four chaperones also confirmed 2 males and 2 females.
  - b. Head of Charles – rooms are reserved and once the line ups are confirmed by coaches' information can be shared to those going to race.
5. Food tent update – Lora shared that Food tent captains and volunteers have been filled. Truck is half organized and the final volunteers will finish this Sat while the kids are participating in the rowathon. Menus are planned with volunteers so in good shape and will readjust as needed after the TOF for next regatta. Workers of the tent will be published in the newsletter the week before so all are aware of who is working and replacing them at the next shift.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.