

January 16th, 2018 Board Minutes

The December minutes were accepted electronically on 12/22/17 and were posted to website.

At 7:08pm Open meeting was attended by one parent with questions of next years coaching staff. Discussion confirmed we have placed ads and put out requests to other teams for new Varsity girls coach and looking for assistant coaches as well.

7:21 – meeting called to order in the Gowana Cafeteria. Board Members present: Rob Partlow, Scott McDonald, Mary Hanratty, Sean O'Brien, Stephanie Pidgeon, Barb Moore, Mark Smrstik, Roger Pelham and Nancy Paulsen. Excused: Lora Becker, Jon Slepski and Steve O'Brien. Also present: Dave Clayman and Bob Ruth.

1. ED/Coaches report.

- a. As previously mentioned in open meeting an ad in Row2k for new coach was placed and he is getting list of attendees from coaching conference for leads of interested parties. No candidates yet but he did get feedback from people that saw the ad and will also look for interested parties.
- b. Coaching conference was very good. The focus was on junior coaching and was attended by Sean, Dave, Scott, Maria and Sarah. Sean is going to follow up with them to get their feedback about what they are going to put in place for spring season. Having them present to BOD at next meeting was mentioned as possibility.
- c. Sean –HS Winter training has a new Healthplex trainer Tim to begin this week. Sean has worked with him in the past and sees it as a positive change for the team.
- d. Sean Modified team – 13 participants are enrolled in current program working with Sarah on core work outs. 7 of them are participating in the Sat erg training with Sean. Sean said they seemed to like the new additional training and can add more kids if needed.
- e. Sean has confirmed Spring coaches will be Dave, Sarah and Maria returning. Lindsey has graduated and is awaiting job offers so is unknown but doubtful her schedule will allow her to return. Danielle is out of the country but Sean will be following up with her in next few weeks to get confirmation from her.
- f. Recruiting – Regents week Tues, Wed & Thurs visits to the Middle School are scheduled and Sean is getting the Varsity kids to sign up to assist. Sean and Nancy have set up the open house event at the mall on Sat 1/27 focusing on new mods and asking Mod kids to assist. A note will go out in the next newsletter announcing all efforts and asking for assistance.
- g. Spring schedule was handed out. The first Saturday in June (5/2) will be Mod champs but no location is set yet. Saratoga cannot host. Updates at future meeting will be given as this develops
- h. Equipment maintenance – Dave confirmed motor maintenance is identified with new spark plugs and others. Sean and Dave will plan to accomplish in February to be ready for season start.

2. Finance Update – Nancy shared that all financial information in new format prior to meeting.

Discussion of building an equipment sinking fund per rower and increasing fundraising buyouts to increase equipment account for new purchases not just maintenance. Thresholds discussed of fundraising minimums for \$1,100 gap for tuition/fundraising to get towards a \$48k goal to improve savings in scheduled manner not just relying on the SPAC and food fundraiser events like in past.

More thought needs to be put into the correct amount so Spring pricing can be confirmed before next board meeting. Coming up with two or three possible options for vote was suggested and will be shared on conference call or meeting if needed. Finance committee will work on this and report out.

3. Corporate Funding Update—Barb shared the following:
 - a. The spring flower fundraiser does not have nursery commitment yet. Barb is working on local nurseries over the wholesale option to give back to local business if possible. New buyouts will be set to back into goal needed by club for fundraising efforts.
 - b. SPAC commitment confirmed with new organizer. Barb will be implementing change in process for more control on her part of sign ups and shifts. The requirement of working SPAC was discussed and is difficult to implement since people work weekends. Giving them a choice of SPAC or food tent or volunteer job is being suggested. Barb, Stephanie and Mary will discuss and propose plan at next meeting.
 - c. Clynk - Barb is working with Clynk for better reporting and tracking if we keep as yearly fundraiser.
4. Media Report – Mark set out link prior to meeting on new website and received feedback prior to meeting. He will update with the suggestions and send back out within the month. Discussed the change in URL from .com to .org to align with our organization status.
5. Truck update – Decision to sell the truck was made. Dave and Sean will look to sell on Craig’s list as soon as possible. Preference to sell from current location and not pay for towing to boathouse then to seller is preferred. Sean will confirm with Jon that truck rental is being put in place now that spring calendar is set.
6. Maritime Center – As shared in email prior to meeting. The new owner of Maritime center is requesting restrictions on use of the circle, parking spaces and traffic pattern of practice. Meeting with Burnt Hills to review the lease and discuss will be set up as soon as possible with executive board and Burnt Hills board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:5a pm. Coaches and guests were dismissed.

Executive session meeting was held until 9:37.