

# May 15th, 2018 Board Minutes

The April minutes were accepted electronically on 4/29/18.

Open meeting – Discussion of Mod practice concerns was held based on feedback Barb Moore received from parents. Mod girls are not getting on the water enough and are being punished for running times. Ideas were shared about better options of running times or team runs to not single out kids who don't run well. Question of why mods are not practicing in line ups from now until Mod champs. Comment of mod coach bringing dog to practice is being viewed as distraction. Parent request made of coaches to not let the athletes vote / think they have a vote in boats for select regattas when the coaches' votes are the only ones that count. Question was asked about cox boxes being broken and not available during practices. Mod coaches have a meeting this week so all matters raised will be discussed.

7:24 – meeting called to order in the Acadia Library. Board Members present: Rob Partlow, Scott McDonald, Mary Hanratty, Sean O'Brien, Lora Becker, Barb Moore, Mark Smrstik, Roger Pelham, Stephanie Pidgeon, Nancy Paulsen and Jon Slepski via phone. Also in attendance: Dave Bender and Dave Clayman.

## 1. Coaches report.

- a. Good racing results from NY States with 5 boats guaranteed spots for Nationals.
- b. Medals from NY States were three Golds of Senior 4x, Freshman girls 4x and Lightweight girls 4x. One Silver of junior girls 4x and three Bronze of Girls senior 8, Boy junior 8 and Boys freshman 4x.
- c. Stotesbury location changing moving to Camden due to the amount of rainfall experienced. The committee believes there will be safer racing and less cancellations due to river flow after the move. More information will be coming out tomorrow about race times etc.
- d. Coach Dave Clayman shared the scrimmage on Friday went well against Burnt Hills and Niskayuna may join this Friday. Practicing racing and equipment braking has been issue in past week. Delays in getting the girls ready to practice has caused delays to water. Attendance has also been erratic so line ups have been difficult.

2. Finance Update – Nancy emailed budget report earlier in the day. Request to send in advance for proper review was made rather than the day of the meeting. Discrepancy of select travel regattas was difference of HOC 3 boats last year versus 1 boat the previous year. Fundraising difference due to fewer people and pie order expenses being much higher than the current year. Request to add a payables column was made into budget. Confirmation that Burnt Hills rental of boat and boathouse rent payment was made and is current. Roger requested financial records post 30 days be returned and kept at the boathouse. Roger also requested that financials and monies should not be maintained at a personal location. Locked file house at boathouse was discussed. Treasurer confirmed that all buyouts from the Fall Clynk fundraiser were received and accounted for in the Fundraising report.

3. Burnt Hills update – Scott shared information for a joint meeting with Burnt Hills board. Parking situation is going well and we need to add volunteers to help at pick up times. Expectations of summer parking was discussed and coordination of two program times will need to be coordinated. Fall sessions will also need to be coordinated ahead of time if any changes from spring session. Confirmation of intent to continue least was made at this meeting and request for our payments to change to quarterly was made rather than semiannual to spread out to be more manageable. Moving our trailer and van from the current locations were made from Burnt Hills. Suggestion was made to put in lines on wood barriers to mark parking spaces. Burnt hills requested permanent help for dock in and dock out dates. Dock out date of November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> was given and will be built into the volunteer spot. Assist with cleaning docks in summer from goose droppings and weekend help with bailing launches if rain was made. Discussion of creating kid volunteer

opportunities was suggested to address this request. Burnt Hills approved our request for the flower truck delivery to take place next weekend.

4. Corporate Funding Update—Barb shared the following:
  - a. Team picture fundraiser with Lifetouch took very long this year as kids forgot forms and there was only one photographer which needs to be changed for following year. Barb will work on yearbook for next year for team offering.
  - b. SPAC – Barb is in process of reviewing the training listing provided by SPAC with our records. 46 spots have been filled and Barb is planning on having a table sign up again at the Spring banquet in effort to fill more with runners.
  - c. Bottle Bins – volunteers are having difficulty as keys not fitting current locks. Stephanie to reach out to last season volunteers and locks to be changed if needed. Barb has club bags and tags for these to be dropped off at Clynk.
  - d. Hoffman – Tickets to be distributed this week for Varsity at Stotesbury bus drop off and following week for Modified. Instructions to be blast out by Mary tomorrow to all members.
  - e. Magnets – Shen Crew magnets arrived and will be sold for \$5 at Banquet.
5. NHSPHAA – document given ahead of time from school liaison and athletic director. Motion to create a committee to pursue discussion further with Shen Athletic director was made. Approval was voted on and committee of Mark Smrstik, Barb Moore and Jon Slepski will be formed. Dave Bender shared his feedback from Niskayuna experience that moving to school sponsored team resulted in giving up control of club. Coaching is decided from school often given to teachers, coaches pay, travel regattas and season dates all decided by school system. Positive was busing was paid by school but was not outweighed by the dictated restrictions by the restrictions imposed by the Niskayuna athletic dept. Dave Clayman also shared his experience of Schnectady giving teachers priority for coaching positions over experienced coaches. If the director chooses to end the program they could auction the equipment.
6. Travel updates – Jon shared the following:
  - a. Stotesbury – Move to Camden has been confirmed by bus company. Room listings are being confirmed by coaches and Mary will disseminate to Jon, chaperones, coaches and school liaison tomorrow for hotel and school confirmations. Bob Ruth will be driving van with AP students meeting at 3:30 and all families have been notified with note to go into tomorrow's newsletter as well.
  - b. NSRAA – Vans reserved for the Nationals race with three chaperones Nancy P, Donna C and Lisa P all driving the qualifying crews.
7. Closed meeting was not held as originally planned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm