

**Willamette Rowing Club**  
**Board of Directors**  
**April 22, 2012**

**FINAL MINUTES**

Present: Jeff Meyerhoff, Bill Byrd, Jann Byrd, Scott Smith, Simon Cooper, Jana Schweitzer, Tiff Wood, Phoebe Shen, Jen Myers

Note "To Dos" are in **RED** below.

1. Boatmaster:

1. Passed by unanimous vote, (unclear who did the nomination and the second), Boatmaster will be invited to all future board meetings.
2. Phoebe nominated, and Scott seconded that the Boatmaster should be assessed zero in dues. Discussion that he does a tremendous amount for the club. Unanimous vote passed for zero dues for Boatmaster. This will include receiving a credit for dues already received for the first half of the year. This will be applied towards future regatta fees incurred by the Boatmaster. **Scott will review this with Richard.**

2. Club Finances:

- a. The club is doing well. We have \$11,529 on hand, which is a good cushion to have. We have received 117% of projected income, which reflects unexpected generosity of members making donations in the winter towards our equipment fund. We currently have 39 full members and 8 associate members. A few more have been in recent contact, and maybe coming for trial rows and prospective membership.
- b. Discussion of purchasing new equipment. Consideration of purchasing 8 new sweep oars, but for now, Tiff/Bill will sand down the current oar handles as all prefer a smaller handle. Do we want to do this as a "handle sanding party"?**
- c. Jana nominated, and Phoebe seconded: purchase of pair riggers for the Kaschper 2x, the purchase of 4 sets of sculling oars to be able to use as a complete set for the 4x, and purchase of new vortex tips for the current sweep oars. Estimate of total cost \$4,100. Passed by unanimous vote.
- d. Scott will talk with Richard about the pair rigger purchase. Tiff will research the 4x sculling oars, currently considering either Croker or Concept 2. He will get back to us about the options.**
- e. A rigger labelling party was proposed, as not all members are clear re which riggers go to which boat. Also some riggers are incorrectly labeled as to which seat they are intended for. **Tiff will bring in a labeling gun.**
- f. Jann raised the desire for a smaller 4+ for the women to race. Bill informed that we have such a boat (I don't know the name), so we will see about this boat being used in practices.**

3. Coaching:

a. As the club is growing, we are exceeding the feasibility for one coach to monitor the number and variety of large and small boats that can be practicing at the same time. We often have 25 rowers at a time. Bill has offered to coach over the summer, in addition to Zeph. **Bill will discuss coaching expectations with Zeph.** We will also keep our ears out for a prospective second coach for the fall, when Bill resumes rowing.

b. Scott will ask Frank about possible access and rental of a second launch, to accommodate a second coach. If this materializes, then the coaches could divide up a practice for boat size, or rowing skill etc, as appropriate.

4. Coxswains:

a. Currently we have one very dedicated coxswain in Jann, for which we are very grateful. As the club is growing, we could definitely use a second cox. Discussed pros/cons of rotating rowers through cox'ing. While not ruling that out if occasionally needed, we agreed that we don't want that as the regular fare. Some rowers are nervous about cox'ing in the rougher conditions of high water, fast current, and erratic fast fishing boats. We will look into offering a coxswain training clinic when the weather and water are warmer.

b. Meanwhile, **Jana will ask Nick about RCRC coxswains** that might be interested in weekday morning cox opportunities. **Bill will ask Alison,** who has cox'ed for us before. **Susan and Simon will ask Allie from PSU,** who has been available to us on some Sundays. Discussion of possibly paying coxswains, but we would prefer to honor and include them as part of the team via a gift eg of a vest with the WRC emblem stitched on it.

c. Jana may be available to cox 1x/week. **Perhaps we could see if there are any other current rowers who would consider the same.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.