

Willamette Rowing Club

Board of Directors

May 13, 2012

FINAL MINUTES

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

Note "To Dos" are in RED below.

1. Discussion of Coach's fee:

Zeph has requested \$60/row. We've done a survey of various Pacific NW Master's RC and \$50/row is already at the top.

Jana moved, Phoebe seconded that we would keep the rate at \$50/hr, and Bill would talk with him re same. Passed unanimously.

Bill and Tiff will perform some of the duties that a coach does: line-ups, setting of work-out.

2. Coach going to regattas:

Zeph has requested reimbursement of travel expenses if he attends a regatta in the capacity of coach. Extensive discussion. General agreement that is we ask him to go and run the show, that we would pay his travel expenses including food and lodging. We will decide on case by case basis.

Phoebe moved and Jana seconded, that we ask him what he would propose for a rate for his time, as well as which expenses he would want reimbursed. Vote passed with 6 in favor, 1 in opposition. **Did we identify someone who would have this discussion with him?**

We considered another option that "being in charge" at regattas could be passed around amongst various rowers, so that we can all gain experience in what this involved.

3. Assistant Coaching:

We reviewed Tiff and Bill's offer, which will take place through the summer months. Bill will serve as coach and go out in the launch T/Th for weekday rows; Tiff will set the lineups and create the workouts. On weekends, Tiff/Bill will be available, schedule permitting, to go out in a 2nd launch for coaching the smaller boats. Scott informed that we can rent a 2nd launch at \$10/row from Frank.

Jeff moved, Phoebe seconded that Bill and Tiff would have a membership reduction of one quarter of their dues for this quarter of coaching and support. Passed unanimously.

This arrangement will need to be revisited in the fall, when presumably both will be amply able bodied and champing at the bit to row.

Bill will ask Zeph to clarify his summer plans and dates that he will be on vacation.

4. NW Jr Regionals:

Zeph has asked if he should plan to coach this weekend. We would like him to, at a slightly earlier time to facilitate rowers then being able to get to Vancouver Lake for their volunteer duties.

Simon will inform Zeph that we would like him to coach, with a 6:30 start time.

5. Discussion of potential loan of Empacher 8+ to LORC. Agreement that we would extend this loan at no fee to LORC.

6. Sculling blades: Tiff will order Concept II blades, as they are a better price. We will also order spare Concept II sweep and sculling oar locks.

7. Team captains will send out an email reminding all to be quiet in the boat, and to be respectful to and appreciative of our coxswains. This has been done. Also discussed sending out an email reminding folks that at times there will be drills to help improve technique, and for all to be patient and participatory in same. This has not been done yet.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.