

**Willamette Rowing Club**  
**Board of Directors meeting**  
**November 18, 2012**

FINAL MINUTES

Board Members Present: Simon Cooper, Jann Byrd, Jeff Meyerhoff, Scott Smith, Tiff Wood, Phoebe Shen; Board Members Absent: Jana Schweitzer

Other Club Members Present: Bill Byrd, Jen Meyers, Richard Williams, Susan Wood

1. **Prior Meeting (9/16/12) minutes approved**
2. **Coaches Report:** Steve Loaiza expressed appreciation for the opportunity to coach the Club, emphasized the importance of good communication, and asked for feedback. The Board commended Steve for the technical observations and attention he has contributed, and provided a variety of comments, expressing some desire for Steve to take greater control of the workouts, keeping the boats together more, with a particular focus on the downstream portion of most workouts being more competitively structured.
3. **Safety:** It was suggested that coaches should make a practice of wearing a personal flotation device.
4. **Maxx Kaplan:** After some discussion, the Board approved trying out an arrangement with Maxx Kaplan whereby in return for providing assistance to Steve Loaiza, particularly in the area of video taping practices, and for providing boat maintenance assistance to the Boatmaster, Maxx's dues will be waived. As part of that arrangement, in any week he will be permitted to row a day for each day he spends in the launch.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** The Club is in reasonable shape financially. Scott would prefer that our reserve be higher, currently we have approximately \$6,800 in the bank. Income and expenses year to date are well over budgeted, primarily due to boat purchases and related fundraising. Scott suggested that someone other than the treasurer reconcile the WRC Club check book each month. It was decided this task would be the responsibility of the past year's President. Since we are so close to the end of this year, Simon Cooper is the designated party. Scott will familiarize him with the process.
6. The Board approved making a naming opportunity for the new 4+ be an auction item at the Annual Dinner, with a minimum bid of \$1,000.
7. The Board approved the purchase of an inventory of Club hats, white with a red "W", for sale at cost to members.
8. The Board has previously discussed providing guest lodging for out of town visitors to local regattas, but the project has not quite gotten off the ground yet. Phoebe volunteered to head up the effort, with the next potential event being the masters regional championships on Vancouver Lake in June.
9. **Boatmaster Report:**
  - a. The Mimosa is out of commission, requiring rib repair and a new bowstay. Richard feels he can complete the repair himself.
  - b. There are a number of worn out riggers that may need to have the entire frames replaced. Richard will investigate with Bill whether there is anything Bill can have done that would be less expensive.
  - c. Winter is a good time to go over all of the boats, Richard will set up a schedule to gradually address each boat, one at a time.
  - d. Shoes are getting to be an issue in some boats. Tiff will provide Richard with information about the type of shoes Bainbridge uses, as they seemed to be able to fit a wide range of sizes.
  - e. We need to get the word out that if people are aware of an equipment issue it is important to tell Richard and the captains about the issue right away.
10. **Racing Schedule:**

. San Diego (April 6-7) entries are due asap. Men's Club, Women's Club and Men's alpha. Bill and Jen to work with Scott to get the entries set up.

a. Covered Bridge (April 13-14): Bill and Jann will not be available, we will need to figure out trailering issues.

11. **Cox'ing:** Scott has had no responses to our ad in Row2K to see if we can drum up some more volunteer coxswains.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 am.