

**Willamette Rowing Club  
Annual Meeting  
January 13, 2013**

**FINAL MINUTES**

Present: Simon Cooper, Jann Byrd, Scott Smith, Bill Byrd, Mike Ryan, Jenny Withycombe, Richard Williams, Brad Smith, Jim Kratochvil, Luis Ruedas, Maxx Kaplan, Neal Johnson, Steve Wu, John Rudoff, Phoebe Shen, Sam Gray, Sarah Gray, Rob Williams, Ryan Miller, Steve Loiaza. Minutes taken by: Jana Schweitzer

**To Do's or questions in Red below.**

**1. Board Slate:**

Proposed: President Jann Byrd; VP Brad Smith; Treasurer Scott Smith; Secretary Jana Schweitzer.

Vote: A vote was held on the above slate, and all were confirmed unanimously. Simon Cooper will be President Ex Officio.

Not voted in, but additional positions held in the club: Men's Captain Bill Byrd; Women's Captain Jenny Withycombe.

Board will select At-Large members at next board meeting. Cynthia Lund's name was put forth as a prospect.

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

Reviewed financial highlights, as outlined by the Treasurer, including membership growth and current head count, tally of volunteer fees received for 2012 and 2012 service at Jr Regionals regatta, contributions received towards and purchase of 3 new boats, accounts receivable and payable and cash on hand, and reviewed 2012 budget proposed/actual/variance.

Club gained 16 members, took in and spent more than budgeted with a net increase of \$1230 in the bank. 70%+ members donated to the various boat purchases. Treasurer's goal is to have \$8-10,000 cash on hand for reserve (25-30% of operating budget) to cover any emergencies, significant cutback in membership, or to be able to buy a new boat quickly. Discussed also that equipment needs to be maintained and upgraded regularly, so reserve will assist with that. Also observed that our income from volunteering at Jr Regionals may be somewhat reduced, since PVRA will be hiring a Regatta Director which may impact how many spots are available for WRC members to fill.

Some discussion given to what would be involved to become a 501-C-3. Unclear how much charitable work we would have to do to qualify. General

agreement that we don't want to change the tenor of the club's activities significantly.

### 3. 2012 Awards:

Votes were taken for positions of:

**Rookie of the Year**-Jeff (let his boat float away from the dock); Jana (ran boat into a red buoy when cox'ing); Phoebe (launching for a race with an oar in backwards).

**Renamed as Sean Donahue Best Dressed:** John, Luis, Bill

**Flipper:** Scott S w Scott K; Scott S w Katie; Sean

**Smooth Operator (new award):** Jen Myers (for having to adjust her feet on the fly during a race and her boat still won); Jann & Bill (for smooth last minute flying cox exchange on the water at SW Regionals); Awards will be presented at the Annual Dinner on 1/26/2013.

### 4. Boat report:

We purchased 3 new boats this year: Vespoli 8+, Kaschper 2-/2x, and LW Pocock 4+. Also purchased pair riggers, new cox box, 4 sets of sculling blades.

There is a local 4x in excellent shape for sale. **We will research more re what size, cost, which will be presented to the Board for consideration.**

Steve L has offered use of his Owen 2-/2x if the club will pay the moorage fees.

**Need to ask Frank about rack space for it.**

Discussed options for boat shoes to accommodate various size feet, and **Richard (I think) will look into options for open toed shoes.** No one likes clogs.

### 5. Captain's Report:

Bill confirmed that it has been a good year. Jenny discussed plans for SDCC women's boat. Seat racing will be considered if more women demonstrate an interest. Club entries are in. Alphabet boat entries due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Club boats will have Saturday heat/Sunday final. Alphabet boat Sunday final only. Adam W may be available for 2<sup>nd</sup> cox- **Jenny will check.**

Other upcoming regattas: Covered Bridge; Opening Day, and then Master Regionals.

### 6. Club Fundraiser:

Phoebe will send out an email shortly to determine interest and availability of team members with a room(s) to rent out for \$40 or \$50 per night to include breakfast, to folks coming to town for regattas. First regatta will be NW Regionals, possibly Jr Regionals in May, and also Masters in June. Fees earned will go to the club.

### 7. Website:

Anita has stepped down as webmaster. **Maxx, Jenny and Jann will be the website sub-committee, to ascertain who/what cost would be required to update our**

website and optimize it in search engines. It was noted that it would be nice to have an annual update of races/successes, as well as current photos.

**8. Coach's report:**

Steve L and Maxx are coaching and video-taping together, and club members gave consent for Maxx to be involved more directly in giving coaching feedback during rows. They will be setting up a schedule for rowers to receive coaching feedback after a row, watching videos of their specific performance.

**9. Silent Auction items:**

Jenny has procured a session with a Sports Psychologist for folks to bid on, and Steve/Maxx have donated a coaching session.

Meeting was adjourned.