

**Willamette Rowing Club
Board Meeting
July 13, 2013**

FINAL MINUTES

Present: Simon Cooper, Jann Byrd, Scott Smith, Brad Smith, Jenny Withycombe, Tiff Wood, Bill Byrd, Phoebe Shen
Minutes taken by: Jana Schweitzer

To Do's or questions in Red below

1. Review of coach:

Discussion that we want to send a survey to all members, to assess Steve's first year as coach.

Jann, Jenny with Maggie Cooper's help will draft the final survey.

To be included:

Demographic section: gender, how many times a week do you row, how many years have you rowed, how many years have you received coaching when you row, did you race at Regionals. What is your personal goal for the upcoming year?

What is your expectation of a coach: provide safety launch; video tape; inspire and motivate; improve techniques; put together practice and race line-ups; practice race line-ups in advance of regattas.

Do you feel respected by the coach.

Rate his feedback to you as: positive/negative/instructional.

Did you feel well prepared for Regionals- personal fitness; boat line-up practice.

What is your expectation of a coach at a regatta?

What was your perception of the value added by the coach at the regatta?

Is there a role that he didn't fill that you would want him to fill? (do we want to include examples-eg logistics, hot seating arrangements and oar assignments, checking equipment).

Do you have suggestions for improvement.

2. Treasurer's Report: (Treasurer has the actual budget)

Quick review: We lost 12 full members last year due mostly to people moving away. We have gained some members, but not all are full paying members (some are under 27 or for summer only) so we have somewhat less income this year than last year. Club is in good shape as we are curtailing our expenses.

Review of Coaching as a percent of Dues and Volunteer Fees over past 5 years- we are currently at 32 %, same as in 2008. Other years have ranged from 20-30% (2012 at 13% was an aberration due to Bill and Tiff providing volunteer coaching for a # of months).

Agreement to keep the coaching at 3 days/week, so as to not exceed the current 32% of dues for coaching expenses.

3. Website:

Jenny has been doing some background research to get access to the website. She and Sarah Gray will follow-up on further updating of the website.

4: HO CR:

Since the one guaranteed entry (Women's Club 4+) resulted from a privately compiled crew last year, they have assured themselves the spots in this year's boat. If one or more cannot make it this year, then they can choose to open the remaining seats to seat-racing if they choose.

Captains will put out an email request for who is interested in racing at HO CR in other WRC boats, and then we will submit entries into the lottery for HO CR consideration. Seat racing and other objective measures will be used per usual for those boat selections.

Meeting was adjourned.