

**Willamette Rowing Club
Annual Meeting
January 11, 2014**

FINAL MINUTES

Present: Jann Byrd, Scott Smith, Simon Cooper, Tiff Wood, Sam Gray, Cynthia Lund, Mike Ryan, Jim Kratochvil, Luis Ruedas, John Rudoff, Phoebe Shen, Sarah Gray, Michele Gamburd, Kathleen Crowe, Monique Dupre, Jeff Meyerhoff, Maria Valls, Bethanne Kronick, Chuck Otis, Steve Loiaza. Minutes taken by: Jana Schweitzer

To Do's or questions in Red below.

1. Board Slate:

Proposed: President Brad Smith; VP Steve Wu or Cynthia Lund; Treasurer Scott Smith; Secretary Jana Schweitzer.

Vote: A vote was held for VP, and Steve Wu won by the slimmest of margins. Other board members (uncontested) were confirmed unanimously. Jann Byrd will be Past President.

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

Board will select At-Large members at next board meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report: (see attached, handed out at the annual meeting).

Reviewed financial highlights, as outlined by the Treasurer: included membership growth and current head count, tally of volunteer fees received for 2013 service at Jr Regionals regatta, donations and rental income received, accounts receivable and payable and cash on hand.

Note, year-end Bank of America bank statement balance agreed with ending balance on the books as recorded by the Treasurer.

Club gained 9 net members, took in more than budgeted with a net increase of \$ 9571 in the bank (note this includes \$4,500 reserve committed to the repair of the Suzette). 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.

Treasurer also presented the results from review of membership dues for regional area rowing clubs. WRC has been at 40-50% of other clubs dues, and the Board had voted 11/2013 on a dues increase. 2014 dues schedule was presented:

\$600 individual full membership

\$200 partner/second + family member(s)

\$300 under 27 (1st year only)
\$100 Associate/ Non resident
\$60/mo Summer/Trial

Discussed that our dues increase and good reserve balance should enable the club to explore additional coaching as the club grows, upgrade current equipment, and have a larger capital contribution to new boat acquisition as needed.

Tiff donated the launch to the club, thanks to Tiff.

3. 2013 Awards:

Votes were taken for positions of:

Rookie of the Year-Tom Lasater (steering the 4x into a gravel bank twice and almost hitting a houseboat during a regatta); Jana (ran boat into a red buoy when cox'ing); Simon (lanyard caught in the track during a race causing the boat to stop); Neal (cutting off another boat when steering the 4x).

Renamed as Sean Donahue Best Dressed: Tiff, John R.

Awards to be presented at the Annual Dinner on 2/1/2013.

4. Boathouse discussion:

Brief discussion of the possibility of upgrading/adding in changing rooms etc. The small house across from the boathouse might have prior plumbing? **Jann will check what's up with that building and if it could be made useable in the future.** Apparently Frank Z is involved in a permit process related to possible upgrades; current status unknown.

5. Captain's Report:

Club entries are in for SDCC. Bill and Phoebe will be reviewing the list of interested rowers to ascertain age category for alphabet boats; entries due by January 31st. Further details about lineups, potential seat racing, training etc will be forthcoming.

6. Website:

Thanks were given to Sarah G for her excellent update of the website.

7. Annual dinner:

Feb 1st 6 pm at downtown Kell's. Please sign up on Team Snap. Guests over 21 are invited. There will be another stellar silent auction; please consider what you can donate.

8. Additional Land Training:

6:30 T/Th time slot will be a combination of erg'ing and circuit training. Monique will be organizing this. Thanks to Monique.

9. Uniforms:

Phoebe will send out emails soliciting interest and orders of uniforms. We have new members who need basic uniforms, and a new design is being considered.

10. Coach survey:

Reviewed results of coaching survey that was conducted this fall. Generally, the majority were pleased with the bulk of Steve's performance. There was variety, as would be expected with the range of rowing and receipt of prior coaching experience. Steve was provided feedback to include a request for better communication and not speaking down to club members, and it was noted that he is already incorporating this feedback in a helpful manner. A reminder was given to members to talk with any board member if they have coaching concerns.

Meeting was adjourned.