

Board mtg. April 19, 2014

Present: Brad, Steve W., Sam, Monique, Jana, Cynthia and Scott

Absent: Jann, John S.

Others present: Bill, Stephen L. and Susan Wood

Men and womens report- all is good, some discussion about Opening Day.

Discussion on hiring 2nd coach- Scott said we have the \$ in the budget for 8 coached rows per month for 5 months, seems we can use Franks launch, this will be confirmed, by Bill.

Action item: Bill Byrd to contact ORU re the availability and terms of using an ORU launch boat for the second coach.

Susan talked about her thoughts for a summer camp or camps that may be affiliated with Xeno Miller. No specific camp format was presented, but could include weekend and/or month long camps for high school rowers, college athletes home for the summer or adult/master rowers. Discussion followed that any WRC camp involvement with junior or novice masters may conflict with our lease agreement with ORU. Frank Zagunis has indicated that he is strongly opposed to WRC's involvement of any kind with junior or novice master rowers.

Action item: Bill Byrd to speak with Frank to clarify ORU concerns and determine what rower demographic will not cause conflict with ORU.

Discussion about the membership status that Evan will row under. Associate member possibly, or full time member, consensus was that he will continue as he is now through the summer, at which time his Associate membership will be reviewed. ORU has communicated some concern about WRC having Evan on its membership roster and permitting him to compete as a WRC member.

Discussion regarding the criteria of an Associate Member. Consensus was that both i) non-residents and ii) local athletes who wish to compete as WRC members and occasionally train, subject to equipment and line-up availability, are eligible for Associate Memberships. Annual dues are \$100. It was noted that Evan likely does not presently meet this criteria because his involvement in line-ups appears to be a planned act (and not availability based) and coaches have been requested to follow specific workouts for him.

Follow-up: Bill to speak with Frank to discuss Evan's potential affiliation with WRC through June 2015 when he graduates. The Finance/Governance Committee to clarify the various membership categories, including Associate Member, in an amendment to club bylaws.

Regarding specific candidates for a second coach, Susan indicated she is interested subject to the terms proposed and her availability, Steve L. indicated Abbey H. has prior coaching experience and is interested in the opportunity. He will coordinate a trial coaching session with Abbey in the near future. In addition to Susan and Abbey, there was discussion about reaching out to other local rowing organizations and even advertising to determine if other qualified coaches are interested and available.

Follow-up: Bill to contact Rose City, U. of Portland and Lewis and Clark head coaches to ask if any of their coaching staff may be interested in our seasonal coaching needs.

Committee reports:

Sam- Equipment. lots of interest, taking inventory, stock up on parts, assess boats

Cynthia-Membership. Info sheet for new members, buddy system.

Monique-Events/social. May 10 BBQ after practice at boat house (need people to bring BBQ's and food) and the Saturday of regionals (a space has been reserved at Vancouver Lake Park. Monique contacted Oaks Park about the May 10 BBQ, and it is fine.

Steve W.-Performance. He will send out nutrition and training info to club for. Maybe organize group bike rides, etc.

Scott- By-laws- nothing to report

Jann - Uniforms. Information provided in advance of meeting that recently ordered racing jerseys and other items are slowly coming in and will be brought to the boathouse soon for distribution.