

WRC board meeting 12/20/15-final version

In attendance:

Steve Wu	John Rudoff	Scott Smith
Jana Schweitzer	Jann Byrd	Sara Wright
Bill Byrd	Brad Smith	Sam Gray
Phoebe Shen	Luis Ruedas (via skype)	Steve Loaiza
Deb Allison	Abby Haight	Katie Wojda

Chris Wojda

The meeting was chaired by President Steve Wu and lasted from approximately 0900--1105.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Coach Steve Loaiza: Will be having surgery on Jan 14th and will be out for a 2 week recovery period.

Treasurer Report: We finished the year with a better balance than expected, partially due to an healthy increase in membership and the many volunteer hours put in at Junior and Masters Regionals. A first draft of the 2016 budget has been completed. Our target for our next boat buy is an 8+ in the 130-160-pound range. The club will have 10,000 to contribute to our next "new" boat plus the proceeds from the sale of the Johnson, approximately 2-3,000 dollars.

Captain's Report:

Bill: The men have not yet entered a boat in the San Diego Crew Classic as there are currently only 4 Men's Club boat entries. Bill will monitor the number of entries, and use this to gauge when to make a club entry. Note that club races are age-handicapped. We do not plan an alphabet boat this year. Trailering has already been arranged if an entry is made later. In other news, the Canadian Masters Championship will not be at Burnaby Lake this year. It will be held July 23-24 in Saskatchewan. There will be a Masters multi-sport athletic event in B.C. we could consider. This is a 500-meter race in downtown Vancouver.

Phoebe: Women have an 8+ club boat (age-handicapped) entered in the San Diego Crew Classic. Masters Regionals will be June 24-26, juniors will be May 13-15 – good opportunity to volunteer for club funds.

OPCBH Update, rep Jana: Will be signing a lease with Oaks Park January 1st. . Rack update: Racks will be marked with owner and boat identification and will only be for that owner/boat. Changes will need to be managed through Sam Taylor. There are still some boats in the boathouse that have no identified owners. Locks will be changed in January. Rack fee payment will be available by check or online, and pre-payment would be appreciated in order to fund the lease from Oaks Park.

Board: Jana was elected by the WRC Board to represent WRC and is now the Treasurer for the OPCBH. They will eventually expand to having at-large board members. Current expenditures under consideration: possible improvement to restroom facilities, repair of current dock. More long term there will be fundraising to build a better dock.

Mission for the first two years is to support the current four clubs that are tenants. In two years (January 2018) OPCB may consider other possible club tenants, but will make a decision at that time. With regard to private coaching or club activities occurring at OPCB, their minutes of Dec

15 2015 state: "If 2 or more people launch at the same time, and there is assistance from a coach, OR the coach is lingering in the dock vicinity, OR the group, as a whole meets up with the coach outside of the dock vicinity, it is an organized practice, and under OPCB jurisdiction".

Private boats belonging to non-members are permitted on racks. Beginning in January, we will need to close and lock bay doors while we are out on the water, and leave slings out as appropriate.

Equipment Report: This is a good time to report any needed repair/maintenance to the large boats to Richard. Dave Setter is helping out with some of those repairs. Sam is planning on taking the wakeless launch in for repair of the electric starter and steering cables. Bill will be getting an estimate for trailer maintenance.

Training and Workouts: General approval of Sam's published workouts. The next phase will begin Jan 4 as we get closer to sprint season. January and February would be the time to be maximizing your weight training for building strength. We have a rather long 'plateau' for being optimally-trained, as sprint season generally lasts from SDCC through Regionals. Sam discussed the athletic "triangle" of strength-training, cardiovascular fitness, and flexibility.

Entertainment Committee: Annual meeting January 9th and Oaks Pavillion, Sara and Neal will be organizing the potluck.

Annual dinner January 30, the specific menu has not been finalized but will be soon, Sara is considering adding a dance portion to the evening.

Phoebe will be planning some kind of welcome back event for Jenny. Try to keep January 7th free as Jenny-s move-in day; may need moving-in help.

Safety Committee: Everyone needs to sign off on the safety bylaws annually in order to be compliant with USRA. John suggested that we have at least one AED demo in the spring when more people are participating. Sara will arrange for an annual swim test. Suggestion for properly lit exits; this should be addressed with Sam Taylor as it will be a OPCBH concern.

Michelle reports that WRC bylaws have been updated and are available for review on Team Snap.

2nd Coach search update: John discussed meeting on 12/17 with Bill, Phoebe, Sara Wright, and John, at which plans for coach search were made. This includes: a) reaching out to several promising local candidates, including Evelyn [who has expressed interest], Adam, Plamen, and asking Hans feige for suggestions; b) drafting a letter to colleges we have some links to, to ask their coaches whether they know of recent graduates who may be in the Portland area; c) drafting an ad for Row2K, which should be up this week. John e mailed the 3 others on the meeting's contents; Phoebe will be drafting a very general 'job description' of what we do and don't need prospective coaches to do. Outreach continues via multiple avenues. There is money in the budget to support a 2nd coach part time.

Nominations for 2016 board positions:

Jann reported that many of the nominations made were not accepted by the nominees for various reasons. Remaining:

VP: Sam Gray, Phoebe Shen

Secretary: Jana Schweitzer, Deb Allison

The Board may appoint a number, between 0 and 4, of At-large members, and so far there are

several possibilities: Luis, Jann, Michelle, Abby, Sara W, Jana (if she does not remain secretary)

Added topic: Luis looking for clarification of WRC position toward outside clubs. There was no need for WRC to make a position concerning other rowing clubs so no action was needed or taken.

Meeting adjourned.