

## **WRC board meeting, 12/31/16**

In attendance: John Rudoff, Phoebe Shen, Steve Wu, Scott Smith, Deb Allison, Abby Haight, Jana Schweitzer, Jenny Withycombe, Bill Byrd, Steve Loaiza

Items on the agenda: Assistant coach, Assimilation of Willamette University women, Finances, WRC governing board.

### **Assistant Coach**

Our search for an assistant coach now takes us to Steven Loaiza, Jr. Steve has already been a familiar face while voluntarily driving a second safety launch for many of our practices. As it turns out, he has a pretty solid background of rowing and coaching experience. He is also familiar with our club and the members with whom he will be working.

The current plan is to implement a 90-day trial period, most likely beginning in February if water conditions allow. During this trial period he will provide coaching one day/week at the rate of \$40/session.

### **Willamette University women**

Very brief background for those who don't know: The women's rowing program at Willamette University was cut last year. There are currently some legal proceedings regarding possible gender discrimination in this action, but meanwhile there are some committed women rowers from their team who would like to keep their skills.

WRC has reached an agreement with their team in which Willamette University will pay the membership fees of the women who would like to join our crew. They will also be contributing an 8+ and oars.

These women will be training and racing as WRC masters, with the specification that they can only race as AA's. Those under 21 will not be allowed to race.

### **Finances**

Treasurer Scott Smith has assessed our current financial situation and done some educated forecasting, and it appears that it's time to raise our annual membership fees. Here are the new fees, still very reasonable:

Regular membership	\$660/yr
Under 27 (first yr only)	\$330
Student	\$330
Family/partner membership	\$880
Associate or non-resident	\$225
Trial or summer membership (3 month minimum)	\$70/month

**WRC Governance**

Richard Williams has accepted nomination as incoming Vice President for 2017. Phoebe will be moving to the position of president, Scott has accepted the nomination for Treasurer, Deb has accepted the nomination for Secretary. At-large board members will be determined after the annual meeting.

Meeting concluded at 9:53.