

Willamette Rowing Club
Annual meeting
January 9, 2016 09:00

Final minutes:

Present: Board members: Steve Wu, Brad Smith, John Rudoff, Scott Smith, Jana Schweitzer, Luis Ruedas, Michele Gamburd, Sam Gray, Sara Wright, Phoebe Shen (women's captain), Jann Byrd (coxswain liaison). Steve Loaiza (head coach).

General members: Sarah Gray, Katie Wojda, Chris Wojda, Maria Valls, Marieta Wynn, Jenny Withycombe, David Setter, Sarah Copeland, Deb Allison, Nancy Moore, Mike Ryan, Jim, Kratochvil, Cynthia Lund, Abby Haight, Neal Johnson, Beth Slikas

Note, to do's and updates since the meeting in RED.
Questions in Blue.

- **Review and approval of last minutes:** note-we neglected to do this for the December 20th board meeting, this needs to be done electronically.

- **Coach announcement:** Coach Loaiza will be receiving surgery later this week, will not be coaching for the next 3 weeks, current members who have identified as able to coach will cover coaching duties in his absence.
- **Coach outreach:** An Ad will be placed in Row2K, outreach is being conducted locally and there will be tryouts of a few local coaches to potentially serve as second coach, also outreach in process to colleges for possible rower graduates who are interested in coaching.
- **Treasurer Report: (Scott, since these are the minutes of an annual meeting, I'm thinking we do not attach and post the budget, do you agree?)** Membership is the same as last year-53 active members. Club is strongest financially that it has ever been. We are ahead of budget on all categories except launch maintenance, which increased due to first full year with two launches. We have \$10,000 to put towards a new boat.
- **Equipment Committee:** 3 LW 8+ boats are coming in to Pockock for refurbishing, ranging in price from \$18,500- \$26,000. We have \$10,000 in the bank, anticipate \geq \$2,000 from sale of Johnson. Straw poll conducted at the annual meeting (26 people, or half membership present) indicates people present could contribute another \$7,525 at least. Instead of an auction at the annual dinner, club will ask for pledges towards the new boat. Equipment committee (Sam G, Bill, Richard, Kathleen, David S) will make the decision about which hull. Treasurer indicates that we could purchase any of them. **We will put down a deposit pronto to lock it in.**
- **Annual Dinner:** to be held Saturday January 30th evening, at a new venue. Menu being coordinated by Entertainment Committee, there will be a no host bar. Photo show being arranged by John R and Michele. Music being arranged by Sara W and Nancy, dancing being considered. There will be a strap rolling contest-**view the video on the WRC website if you wish to perfect your skills.**
- **OPCBH:** This new consortium is now operating the boathouse. Jana serves as the WRC rep, and is Treasurer on the Board-this is a position elected by the WRC board, and can be changed at the decision of the WRC Board. In the future, there may be at-large OPCBH board positions, that would be elected by the OPCBH board in unanimity. OPCBH is not currently a 501-C-3, but will become one to facilitate receiving future donations for the future new dock. **Note, that future 501-C-3 status will not be able to be used by WRC members for WRC boat donations (Jana verified this with the OPCBH board).** Sam Taylor as boathouse manager is in the process of figuring out which boats belong to whom, which racks are occupied, which racks have been paid for etc. Please contact him at [manager at oaksparkboathouse.org](mailto:manager@oaksparkboathouse.org) with any questions about rack space. **There will be a meeting Saturday January 16th at 9 am at the Oaks Park Pavilion led by the OPCBH board to provide updates and answer any questions.**

- **2016 WRC Board Vote:** Phoebe Shen was the sole nominee for Vice President. Deb Allison was the sole nominee for Secretary. Steve Wu nominated each for their respective position, the motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

- **Board slate for 2016: John Rudoff President, Steve Wu President emeritus, Phoebe Shen Vice President, Scott Smith Treasurer, Deb Allison Secretary.** This slate will convene and elect at-large members.
- **Best Dressed Nominations:** Michele (fashionable lycra tights), Sarah Rabbani (fashionable lycra tights), coach Loaiza (awesome sun hat), Neal Johnson (lighted jacket), Joe Radokovich (festive layering), HOD women's boat (costumes). Vote was conducted, results to be announced at the dinner.
- **Flipper award:** only one nominee (it's a secret)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Bill will send out the nominations.
- **Lactate Threshold Testing:** Steve W has found a company that can do this at our boathouse for \$50/rower. This was discussed, with recommendation also to see if VO2 max could be included, and to ascertain logistics and specifics. He will send out further information once he obtains it. Note, since the meeting a date has been set for January 30th morning.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.