

Annual Meeting 1/7/17

Meeting commenced at 9:30. Members present: Cynthia, Jann, Steve Wu, Mike R, Deb, Steve Loiaza, Steve Loiaza Jr, Scott S, John R, Katie, Jenny, Kevin, Chris, Phoebe, Michelle, Beth, Shannon, Dave S, Sarah C.

Introductory remarks by outgoing president John Rudoff.

Scott: Finances. Scott distributed a copy of our healthy end of year balance as well as a copy of the budget for 2017.

Our dues increase is based on increased coaching expenses. Last year, we had only occasional assistant coaching and this year we expect to have a permanent assistant coach. Our membership has had some natural attrition due to injury, etc. and is difficult to predict for budgetary purposes.

Our volunteer work at Junior Regionals is a significant source of income for our club; Jann is our rep on the PVRA board and will express our interest in continuing to have a major role in the volunteering.

As we do not expect to have any equipment expenditures this year, the amount budgeted is small.

Board: Attendees of the meeting elected Richard as VP, and Scott and Deb for their positions of Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Request for interest in the at-large positions: please email Phoebe if interested.

John R asked if there should continue to be two women's captains, and the women responded in favor. No one expressed any desire to change our current captains.

Coach: This year the coach will be emphasizing our work on FOCUS. If we can maintain our focus throughout practices, we will continue to make subtle changes that increase our boat speed. To that end, we will continue to have technical boats every Sunday. People in the technical boat lineups should not feel that they are looked upon as lacking skill; rather we should make the most of the opportunity to build on skills until they are more automatic. Also, a study on happiness indicated that people are most happy when they are focused (present) in their current activity. Coach pointed out that our increased focus will therefore also make us happier people.

Coach would also like us to start incorporating stretching into the end of practice regularly.

Team Captain Report:

The current coxing rotation is working out well for the most part. People who feel that they are too large to cox need to follow through with doing something else such as driving the coaching launch to be fair to everyone.

Lineups are done by all three captains. They would appreciate it if you can remember to indicate on Team Snap whether you are coming or not. They will try to accommodate your special wishes, but it is not always possible. If you are

multi-talented, please list your *preferred* side first on Team Snap, (e.g. if you row both sides and also scull, but you really hate rowing starboard, you would designate yourself p/scull/s).

Workouts continue to be developed in a collaborative process, and for January you can expect more long slow pieces. That will start to change in a few weeks when more of the AT workouts will be interspersed.

2017 racing: Not enough interest in going to San Diego Crew Classic this year. In addition to our usual local regattas, there are others we can consider that are farther away. Jenny will send out a complete list of possibilities to determine interest.

We may not have qualified for automatic HOTC entry. However, next year there will be a charity mixed 8+ (as there has been a quad in recent years). We may also consider putting in a bid for other entries.

Regarding signing up for regattas: We recognize that we need to come up with a plan to manage the regatta interests of individual members, including rowing with rolodex clubs or wanting to row with particular boat mates. Lineups take a great deal of work and time from our captains and coaches, and we need to respect that work. At this time, if you sign up as being interested in a regatta, you will be expected to put rowing with WRC as the priority. You may request a particular lineup, but you may not get what you want. If you are put in a lineup and then you back out, you remain obligated to pay the entry fee for your seat unless you can get your replacement to pay it for you. Further discussion about specific guidelines is likely.

Dave S, WRC representative for OPCBH board:

Recent news includes that all indoor fluorescent lighting will be replaced by LED lighting very soon. Other changes include a re-shuffling of rack space in bay 1, and a remodel of some of the rack space in bay 4 in order to accommodate more boats. The bay 4 remodel most likely will be done later in the season.

Entertainment Committee, Katie: The Annual dinner will be held in the newly completed Performance Hall at Rose Villa, which includes a stage. Please RSVP if you haven't already. John and Michelle will be creating the slide show, send any photos you would like included to Michelle.

Awards: Please find the nominees for the various award categories in Katie's email sent out Jan 7 and respond with your vote. Awards will be given at the dinner.

Equipment: The green launch is working "OK", the wakeless launch needs work. Sam is currently trying to finish a degree and be a new dad, so has been shorter on time than usual.

Scott requested a volunteer to reconcile our checkbook each month as a safeguard to our finances, and David Setter accepted.

Meeting adjourned 10:40.

