

## Willamette Rowing Club Annual Meeting minutes, 1/11/2020 — DRAFT

In attendance: Richard Williams, Katie Wojda, David Setter, Michele Gamburd, Sarah Copeland, Jann Byrd, John Rudoff, Hannah Rudoff, Scott Smith, Chris Roberts, Jenny Withycombe, Adam Withycombe, Steve Wu, Steve Winnett, Lindsey Grayzel, Karla Drewsen, Julie King, Phoebe Shen, Mary Oschwald, Eduardo Cotilla-Sanchez, JP Gianotti, Damas Gakwasi

Meeting convened at 9:30 AM

### Agenda Items

1. Welcome/updates: Katie Wojda
2. Treasurer's report: Michele Gamburd
  - a. 2019 end of year balance: \$36,018 (increase of approx. \$6700 over 2018 end of year balance). Increase is attributable to increased membership and associated dues payments as well as decreased equipment costs (no 2019 boat purchase). Costs of and revenues from regatta fees, annual dinner and uniforms are net zero.
  - b. 2020 projected budget includes income from increased dues from new members, donation for 4x repair, PVRA volunteer payments (recorded in 2020 budget due to delayed payment from last summer). Notable expenses will be servicing of launches, coaching. Projected EOY balance of \$41, 324.
  - c. Discussion of increased cost for liability insurance through USRA; the decision was made to purchase this insurance from Leonard Insurance, the same source as our damage insurance.
  - d. **ACTION ITEM:** All members must remember to **renew USRA membership as either Basic + Regatta Package or Championship membership** (difference is that champ includes USRA magazine). **Must also sign annual waiver.** Without these you may not race at US Rowing sanctioned events.
  - e. Note that regatta fees we are billed are marked up 15% over actual seat cost to cover regatta incidentals (cancelled races, changes, etc). Any funds remaining are used for equipment purchases, boat repairs, and other club expenses.
3. Captain Reports
  - a. Men's captain Bill Byrd reminds you to get in shape.
  - b. Women's captain Jenny Withycombe
    - b.i. Discussed 2019 season. WRC rowed in 71 events in 11 regattas between April and Nov. 2019. Placed 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in 48-71, 68%. This is all regattas, all comers, all club sizes.
    - b.ii. Regatta planning for 2020 begins with a first pass on the club google doc, where you can indicate interest in listed regattas. Seat racing generally takes place for the major/travel regattas. This first pass is to assess interest, and is not yet a commitment to race. Planning is complex and once you are committed, please note that you are responsible for the cost of your seat/race even if you must back out unexpectedly.

- b.iii. Erg testing (“erg experience”) is expected and dates will be announced in advance. You are expected to complete these tests and submit results. Previous results are on the google doc, as both raw and age-adjusted times.
- b.iv. FitClub is working well and the owner is responsive when new features are requested. Please fill out your profile with birthday, emergency contacts, etc. We will ask if there is a function which allows us to merge the calendar with existing online calendars (iCal, etc) for convenience.
- b.v. Jenny will send out Sam’s training plan by email.

#### 4. Coach Report – Adam Withycombe

- a. The team has shown a shift in approach, with more flexibility, adapting planned workouts to incorporate drills and taking personal interest in and responsibility for improvement. Please be aware that with winter weather, we should be prepared to move water workouts to land on any day.
- b. Focus for winter 2020 will be technique building.

#### 5. Board Elections

- a. As per WRC bylaws, President Katie Wojda moves to the role of Past President.
- b. As per WRC bylaws, Vice President David Setter moves to the role of President.
- c. The following slate of candidates was proposed and seconded:
  - c.i. Sarah Copeland, Vice President
  - c.ii. Jann Byrd, Secretary
  - c.iii. Michele Gamburd, Treasurer

In favor: 22

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

The candidates above are elected.
- d. Four new at-large board members will be selected by the newly elected board prior to the annual dinner on 2/1. All members are welcome to submit their interest in joining the WRC board as an at-large member.

#### 6. Committee Business

- a. Nominating committee: This has existed in the past for the purpose of nominating members to the various WRC committees. The last nominating committee existed in 2015. We will consider creating a nominating committee as a single point of contact for any member who wishes to participate in or nominate a member for a committee.

- b. Safety Committee: John Rudoff will conduct AED training before practice on 1/25. Video links for review will be sent in advance by email.
- c. Membership: Hannah Rudoff has created a plan to include returning collegiate rowers in WRC practices over the summer. This was based on similar programs which exist within other local clubs, and it is designed to encourage rowers to participate over the summer and to return to WRC if interested. The proposal was to create a summer program at a total cost of \$125 for essentially 3 months of summer rowing during existing planned practices (currently T/Th/Sat/Sun). Dates for this may be flexible depending on the rowers' summer break dates but are expected to span May-August. Noted was the need to clarify lineup expectations, as we will be practicing WRC racing lineups during these months. Cost was discussed; current cost for summer members is \$70 per month, which would be \$210 for 3 months. The proposed program would be a cost savings to encourage college student participation.

Motion proposed and seconded: that WRC establish a summer program for college students, as described above, at a total cost of \$125 per 3 months. Non-voting membership with same safety requirements as for annual members.

In favor: 18

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: None

The motion is passed.

- d. Uniforms: Jann will place a second order for backpacks and/or sweatshirts if there is enough interest. Please let her know if you are interested in these or other casual wear WRC items. JL store will likely open again in April. Please ask members if you need to borrow WRC racing gear for earlier regattas.
7. Awards: "fun" awards (best dressed, rookie, flipper) are given at the annual dinner. A link for voting will be sent by email soon to allow time for awards to be prepared.

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.**