

- Willamette Rowing Club
Board of Directors Meeting
June 13, 2026**

- Adam will be asked to put the combinations for the gate at PRC and the Bay 2 door code on post-it note inside the key box, and to keep the information current.
- Katie and Jenny will switch the oar locations of the Crokers and wood handled sweep oars. See discussion under Captain's Report.
- Richard will install the Empower Oarlocks on seats 3 and 4 of the Osprey at the end of sprint season until Fall racing and again for use throughout the winter. In the Spring, we will assess the data collected and consider selling the EOs if the data are not useful enough for us.

Motions Passed

- Julie moved and Michele seconded a motion to cap membership of full members until the next Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
 - Exception: new prospects, Claire and Brian, are already in process so if invited to join after the try out process, will be invited as full members.
 - Mark, Phoebe, and Jamie will continue to track practice participation rates in anticipation of further discussion about this at the Sept Board meeting.

President's Report

- Petra spoke about the positive direction the club has been moving and set the tone for a productive meeting where full participation and open conversation is strongly encouraged and welcome.

Treasurer's Report

See report which follows. A couple highlights:

- Dues income is \$39,062
- Equipment purchases come to \$10,793 (a significant portion has been covered by fundraising)
- Repairs and maintenance expenses come to \$3,702 so far this year
- We are on target to meet budgetary projections!

Captain's Reports:

- *Clarification of oar process -*
 - Weekday practices: each boat stages its own oars.
 - Weekend practices: first couple people at practice start assembling the oars we need, everyone else checks with them until all club oars are staged outside the boathouse. People with their own oars are responsible for ensuring they have them where they need them.
- With our growing numbers, the third set of sweep oars will be used more frequently. An informal survey was taken at the meeting regarding whether the Crokers or wood handled oars were preferable. The results showed a slight preference for wood handled oars so we will use those regularly.. If people boated in a boat requiring the 3rd set of sweep oars prefer the Crokers, they may use them and return them to their location post practice.
- Bow seats and coxswains need to communicate well about oncoming boats, starting turns, etc. This should be an ongoing discussion among all bow seat and coxswains.

- Consider entering more regattas between Covered Bridge and NW Regionals because the gap between sprint regattas is long. Or add scrimmages with Station L.
- Jenny is working with US Rowing to firm up the racing schedule for NW Regionals since significant changes were made after the initial schedule was posted. She will communicate results to the club. If necessary, Michele will work with Jenny and Regatta Central regarding billing changes needed.
- HOOCR: we applied for a Mx8+ entry. Other entries are still under discussion.
- Empower oarlocks: will be put back on seats 3 and 4 after Cascadia and will stay on until Fall racing season. Suggestion that Julie/Steven poll the club to see who's interested in learning about the data they generate. We will consider selling them in the Spring of 2027 if the data are not useable to our club.

Membership Capacity:

- Discussion about how we leverage the coaching skills of Richard, Bill, Katie and others.
- Consider adding an Assistant Coach for approx ½ of our practices, which would add approx \$1200 to our budget (on a per hour basis).
- Consider reaching out to Sam Taylor re part time assistant coaching
- Recommendations: capping the number of participants we add for the remainder of the year. Consider starting a waitlist and still allowing people to do 4 practices with us for mutual check of skills, cultural fit, etc., but communicating early on in conversation that membership is temporarily closed due to capacity and safety concerns.
- Julie will be added as an assistant to Scott for when he is on travel. Whoever is the main point of contact will ensure that new prospects will be added as a note in FitClub.

Racing Committee:

- Committee is discussing the club's approach to racing to ensure as many people as possible are boated in medal-potential boats.
- Discussion on how we think about boating lineups and retaining club culture. Everyone at the meeting displayed a strong interest in retaining our culture as well as racing well and winning often.
- Coxing: Alison expressed interest in clarifying what is expected of our participants when they take their turn in the coxswain seat. The list she is compiling (see Action Items) will include a list of noncoxing tasks people can do who cannot fit in the coxswain seat.
- The key box below sculling oars should have the current gate code for PRC and Bay 2 code on a sticky note. (See Action Items.)

Safety Committee:

- 10 members attended Adam's first safety training for new launch drivers.

The Board expresses sincere thanks to:

- ★ Adam for training new launch drivers
- ★ Brian Leeson for providing drone footage of recent practices
- ★ Richard for all the time he puts in on safety considerations and fleet repairs
- ★ Jenny for the immense amount of time and effort dealing with Regionals entries snafu

- ★ Organizers of boathouse cleaning day, complete with treats!
- ★ Steven R for help with calculations needed for rebuilding of racks

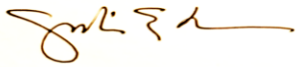
Announcements:

Aug 1, TestFest, Julie's house, 2:00-4:00

Aug 8, boat naming ceremony, time tbd

Next Meeting: September 19, 9:00am (or as soon as practice ends)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "Julie King", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julie King, Secretary

Treasurer's Report for Willamette Rowing Club Board Meeting on 6/13/2026
Michele Gamburd

This report covers Club finances from January 1 to June 6, 2026.

Income

Dues: We have 57 paying members, including 36 full members, 8 family members, 7 associate members, 2 student members, and 4 under-27 members. In addition, we have two collegiate members who are going to join us for the summer plus to potential new members who had not joined yet as of the writing of this report. Our dues income so far this year is \$39,062. Note that some members opt to pay dues biannually, so additional funds will come in July.

We also brought in some revenue through fundraising (for oars and through the annual dinner auction).

Expenses

Equipment purchases: Since our March meeting, we have spent \$4800 to buy Evelyn Hamann's 1996 Hudson 4X; this purchase not only gives us 4 extra seats for our fleet but also comes with an additional rack in the boathouse. Our equipment purchases for the year come to \$10,793; fundraising covered about half of this amount, and we have paid the rest out of the club's budget.

We have paid \$1413 for coaching and \$3260 for equipment insurance (including \$111 to insure the new 4X). We have paid \$1164 to moor two launches at Portland Rowing Club.

We have paid \$3,702 for repairs and maintenance, including a little less than \$2K to service both launches. We are on target to meet our repair and maintenance budgeting for the year, provided we don't break anything expensive.

The bottom line

At this point in the year, the club has paid \$29,765 for regatta expenses and brought in only \$17,738 in entry fees. The \$12K difference in these figures arises from the treasurer not yet having sent out invoices for several regattas (for which lineups are still being determined) and open member balances. We will recoup these funds in the near future.

The club has a modest net income of roughly \$3500 for the year so far.

What are you looking for.

DNA is racing. Is that important to you How much have you done

Get them to talk.

Determine whether P, S sculling etc.

Have them reach back a couple days before date you are available to attend a practice, let

Adam know. (E.g., Brian, Sunday, port only)

Send note to participant about where they are sitting, etc, night before