



WBC Board Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2019

Call to order: 7:36 pm

Attendees: Tom, Mike, Bruce, Howie, Wanda (phone), Lauri, Sarah and Alan

1. Financial Update – Sarah

- Anticipated Fall Fees
 - Expecting approximately \$57,000 for the fall junior's rowing program
 - 74 juniors registered to date. May get a few more next week
 - 12 middle schools kids registered to date. May get a few more next week
- Fall Coaching Salaries
 - Estimated at \$30,000
- BoC Financial Update (if available)
 - More in-depth breakdown at next meeting. No loss to WBC
 - Approximately \$1800 profit. Does not include Kelly's fee and her expenses
- Funding Available for Boats and Maintenance
 - Would like \$10,000 to go towards loans
 - \$17,000 available for maintenance, regatta fees, gas, etc.
- Master's program pays for itself

2. Capital Purchase Needs/Priorities – Tom

- Pay off CAT
- Replace launch that leaks horribly
- Need more electronics
 - 2 x stroke coaches
 - Cox box
- 2-3 launches leak but are usable
- There are a total of 6 launches available at any given time
- Need to confirm that the launches belong to and are registered to WBC
- Tom states that the maintenance launches will be better and last longer if the boats are taken out of the water after use

3. Fall Operations Update

- Toro will be back by mid-September – worst case

- Only one Novice girl is currently registered
- High School program revamped (lengthened) and staggered practice. Waiting to see if this approach is effective
- HS learn to row camp did not recruit as many kids as it has in the past
- Masters learn to row program is going well
- Keep master's program as is for the fall. Discuss potential changes at the next board meeting

4. Youth Recruiting

- Alan set tables up at the high schools. Lots of interest. Will see if anything comes of it next week
- High School Learn to row camp was ok. Only one novice girl signed up for the fall season. 10 novice boys signed up

5. Master's Program – Wanda

- Master's program will be discussed in depth at the next board meeting
- 57 masters on the rolls
- Some of the topics that Wanda wants to discuss are:
 - Different practice schedules, types and how many
 - Master's novice program
 - Performance rowing
 - Learn to row program
 - Regattas and competitions
 - Comments from those that just completed learn to row
 - Doesn't feel ready to join the "main stream" master rowers
 - Would like a bridge between the learn to row program and the master's program – maybe offer a "novice" program
 - Will need an additional volunteer coach for "novice" program
- Look at going to an "ala carte" program for masters. Have separate fall, spring and summer programs

6. Other

- James City County asked WBC to participate in the James River Fest on 28 September. That is the same weekend as the High Point Fall Festival Regatta. Need to look for masters volunteers that aren't competing to support
- Bruce met with a gentlemen that does fundraising. He provided some helpful points for capital campaigns. Bruce is working on potential ideas
- WBC will reapply for the Ben Altschuler Grant this year

Adjourn: 9:01pm