

Ridgewood Crew Board Minutes for December 7, 2016

In attendance: Gene Callaghan, Boris Roque, Don Dexter, Diana Young, John Young, , Katie Vogt-Saladucha, Claire Callaghan, Charlie Koontz , Ann Hida, Vicki Walton Roth, Pam Riccata, Terry Wittmack, Jeanne Johnson

Rower liaisons – Charlie and Claire reported on getting new uniforms and a poll taken was that rowers don't want to pay for new uniforms, although the boys did complain about the current design with the stripe lines on the chest. The board then discussed the merits of getting the team completely new uniforms with a new design. No final decision made. Jeanne asked that the rowers make sure that the bulletin board at the high school is updated with Crew news and that they make sure to use social media to promote the team. Gene also brought up the idea of creating a charity event for the rowers to help the community and to build team unity, perhaps making it a team tradition.

Cities regatta – Now that Cities regatta is a 2 day event, how does the team proceed asks Gene. Teamwork and keeping all rowers at the event is important, but need to weigh that against the additional cost. Gene thinks we should cover it, if funds available, then maybe they should be subsidized. Boris brought up that area coaches are not happy about the new 2 day schedule. Pam reports that she has 3 coach's rooms and 15 rower/parent rooms on reserve. Number of rooms and people is discussed. Gene suggests that someone should take charge of the weekend and it will be discussed at the January board meeting.

Administration – Katie spoke of open actionable items including naming rights for boats and pay pal set-up. Also, hoped to plan a night in February where alumni contacts could be recorded from various files and disks available. Discussion of boat naming brings suggestion of \$2500 per year or \$10,000 for 5 years. Terry then talks about getting kids involved in selling of the boat names. Ann reports that there are 50/60 rowers participating in pre winter training and that she still needs 2 waivers and 2 checks. Boris says that he will take responsibility for Don Bosco registration ironman.

Coaches report – Boris reports that desired heart rate monitors would cost \$9300 for team but is very pricey for team so desire is for individual rowers to purchase them. The Polar M 400 is the chosen watch and purchase options through RC will be put in the rower news. As for the spring schedule, the level of strength is important so Boris is altering the rowing schedule. There will be 6 practices, 4 on river and 2 on land. Boris will confirm with Keith as far as scheduling the weight room. He also noted that a lot of kids are complaining of

shin splints from running in the hallways. Katie noted she knew of a PT who spoke about that to her running group and that she would reach out to Next Level PT and ask them to speak to the rowers on proper running technique and training. Also, hoping to have coaches meeting January 4 first.

Fundraising – Dianna talked about the wine tasting party and noted that \$3000 was raised and that 57 people attended. 9 families have participated in gift cards for \$300. She is working with Kathryn on 501 s status and is reaching out to other rowing clubs for information. Dianna confirmed that they have booked Christ Church for February 4th for fundraiser.

Finance – Jim said no new news to report and that there is \$20,000 on hand, and that maybe we should start a budget with a wishlist. We should be positive of \$5,000 for 2016.

Marketing – Jeanne will create letter to give to potential significant donors and Terry and Dianna will help put together.

Miscellaneous – Gene states all documents need to be put on Google drive and if anyone needs help he will meet with them. Also, open spots for Tent chair and Social media.

Actionable items –

- Mentor program for new rowers
- Create pay pal account for dues payment
- Alumni/team forum.
- Compilation of collegiate rowers/alumni
- Regatta selection

GO MAROON BLADES!

With warmest regards,

Katie Vogt-Saladucha.

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