

## Ridgewood Crew Board Minutes for November 2, 2016

In attendance: Gene Callaghan, Tara Callaghan, Don Dexter, Diana Young, John Young, , Katie Vogt-Saladucha, Claire Callaghan, Charlie Koontz, , Ann Hida, Vicki Walton Roth , Nicole Gibson, Pam Riccata, Kathryn

**Rower liaisons** – Charlie and Claire reported on novice night meeting. They had hoped for a better turnout but there were good questions asked. The biggest questions concerned money. Gene asked about rental a rower and wonders if we should use it as an auction item at the wine fundraiser. Claire we'll see if any rowers are interested. Also discussed, DC sports is the supplier for our uniforms and there is interest in redesigning the girls uniform. But that cost would then have to be paid by the rowers. It was decided to take a poll about the new uniforms. New uniforms would need to be designed by the first general crew meeting. Charlie asked could not just add money onto the final bill as a suggestion. Ah youth. Another suggestion was making a fund raiser for earmark purpose for the unis. Jean said he would take a survey from the parents to see what they thought.

**Non-for-profit discussion** – Kathryn discussed our current progress with regards to forming a nonprofit club status. Our current organization does not meet the requirements of the IRS. And she sees our name is misleading as foundation as we are social organization. We our nonprofit with no benefit for donor. She's proposing a new association or foundation. We are allowed to take by law 35% from the old foundation. She suggests two separate entities. One entity has the bylaws and mission statement, but does not describe the second entity and what it does and then she speaks about maybe killing the first entity as it is not for public at large per se. There are things that must take place first to become 5013 – C. She proposes a resolution to:

- The establishment of a nonprofit tax-deductible tax-exempt organization
- authorized Jim to sign checks
- authorized Catherine and Jeanie up to \$800 to spend for documents, costs will be either 400 or 800 depending on fundraising under 50,000.

She also stated that we need to get a tax ID number for tax deduction. We must also register with the state attorney general. The fee is \$30. Donna asks what happens if you go over the \$50,000? The IRS also needs projected budget for three years. Diana types up a resolution and read authorization for going forward. A question was raised will maroon blades and Ridgewood crew be one and the same? It was determined that the Ridgewood Crew foundation would be the name.

**Transportation** – in trying to figure out if a new schedule to PRAA would work, Pam determined but The cost for two buses is \$10,000 more if we used two buses for each trip and that the bus company it's reluctant to have chaperones 18 and over that are not parents. Additionally, parents would have to double up on chaperoning. Discussed we're logistics of the equipment, number of rowers and timing. It was decided to discuss in greater detail with Boris to pin down

**Fundraising** – Dianna talked about the upcoming wine tasting party and noted that there would be 10 silent auction items. She was also hoping to get a freshman parent volunteer for the silent auction. She was also going to touch base with Terry about the row-a-thon. It was determined that we would wait to auction off boat naming when nonprofit status is okay. It was also determined that we need to set price for the names and the suggestion was \$2500 per year per boat. Diane also talked about the grocery gift card program and this scripps holiday gift card program.

**Equipment** – Don spoke about meeting on November 19 to assess equipment for the upcoming season. He also talked about his remaining search in finding space for boats to be stored over the winter. When they stored the boats previously the cost in 2015 was \$7300. Camden maybe an option for \$4000. Storage dates are December 1 through March 1.

**Communications** – Tara reported that she will be sending out an email to all rowers for the general meeting on 11/16. Additionally, any information you need on the web e-news you must write up to send to Tara.

**Finance** – Jim discussed the balance sheet for the current term. He reported that we have not received the bi annual bill from PRAA plus rower's fees. Maroon blades has a balance of \$3000 with 42 rowers. Ridgewood crew has a balance of \$30,000. It has been determined that we need to raise \$30,000 during the Row a thon to be able to not charge more per rower for the season.

**Administration** – Katie spoke of open actionable items including rent a rower, boat naming price, alumni directory and compiling list and setting up pay pal. Ann spoke to training schedule and that we are working with Keith Cook to work out times to use the weight room. She would also email Liz about eight grade participation for pretraining.

**Additional** – Jeanne asked if we should run an ad for the upcoming wine tasting event. As it stands 40 or so attendees. Gene also stated that he would give google drive lessons to anyone interested. Jim raised the question of how do we determine which regattas to participate in. Maybe need to focus on the needs of the kids as far as recruiting. Could we have coaches meeting on Dec board meeting at 7:00 to discuss?

**Actionable items –**

- Rent a rower
- 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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